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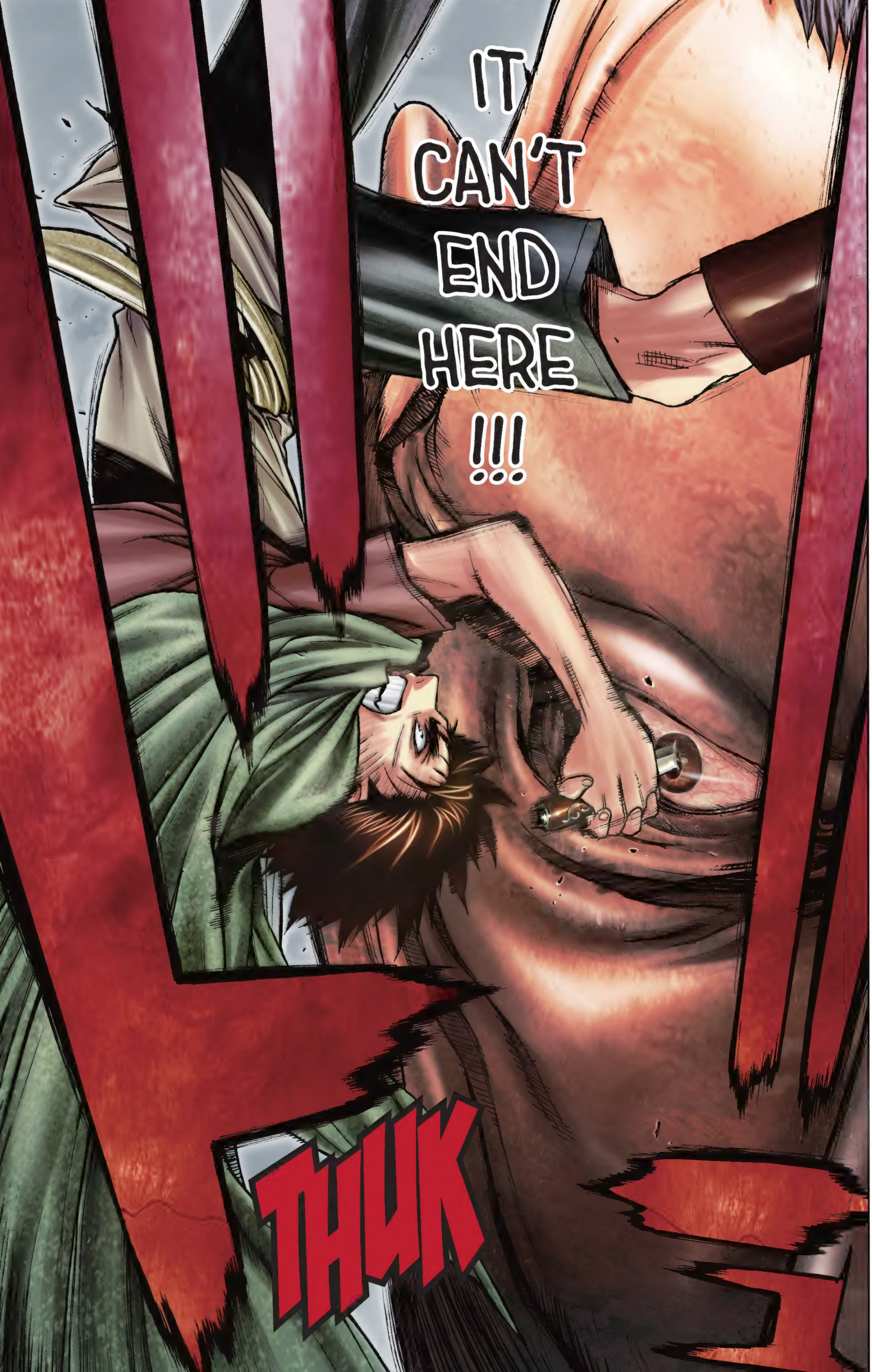
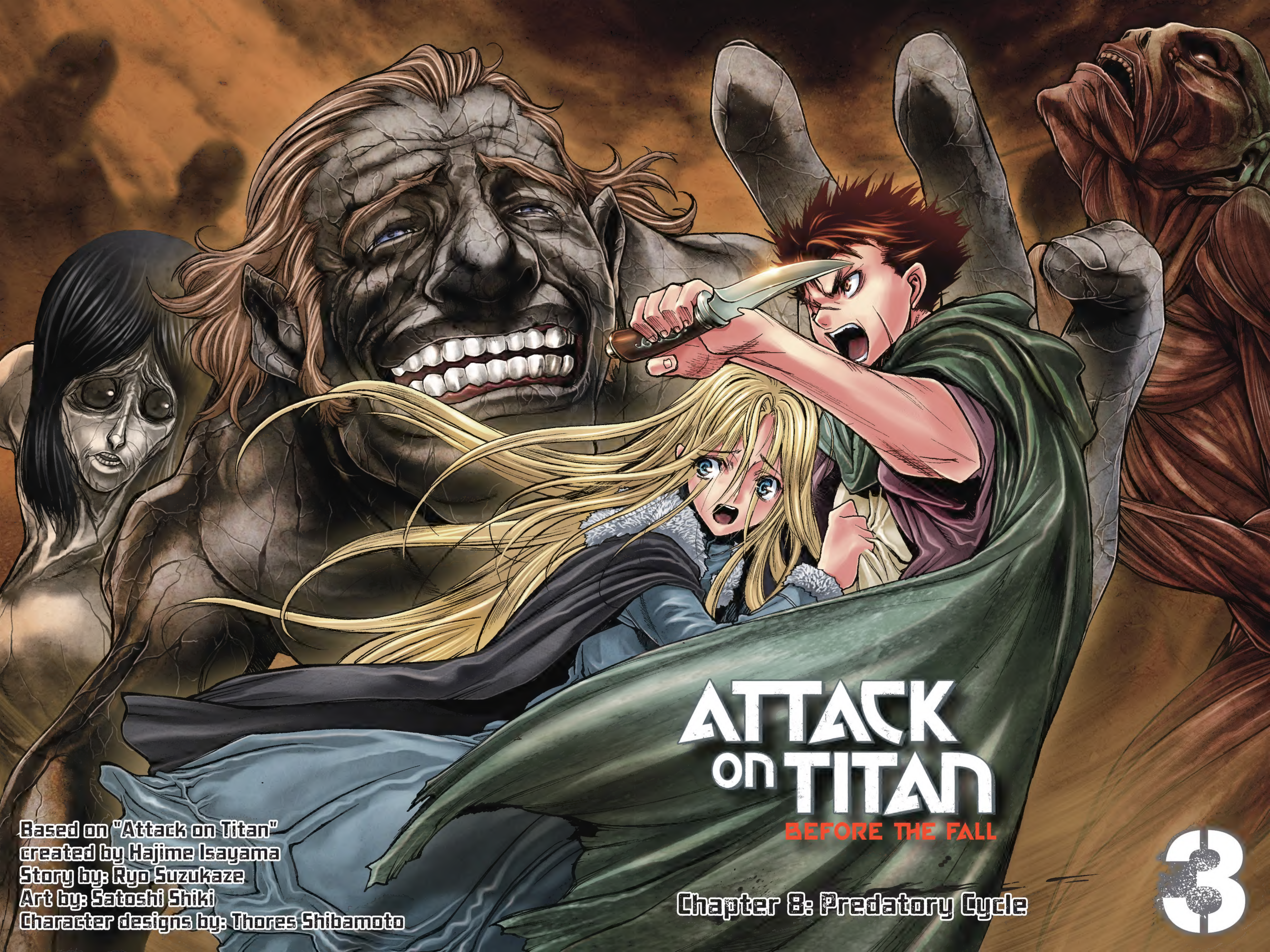

IT CAN'T END HERE !!!
THUK



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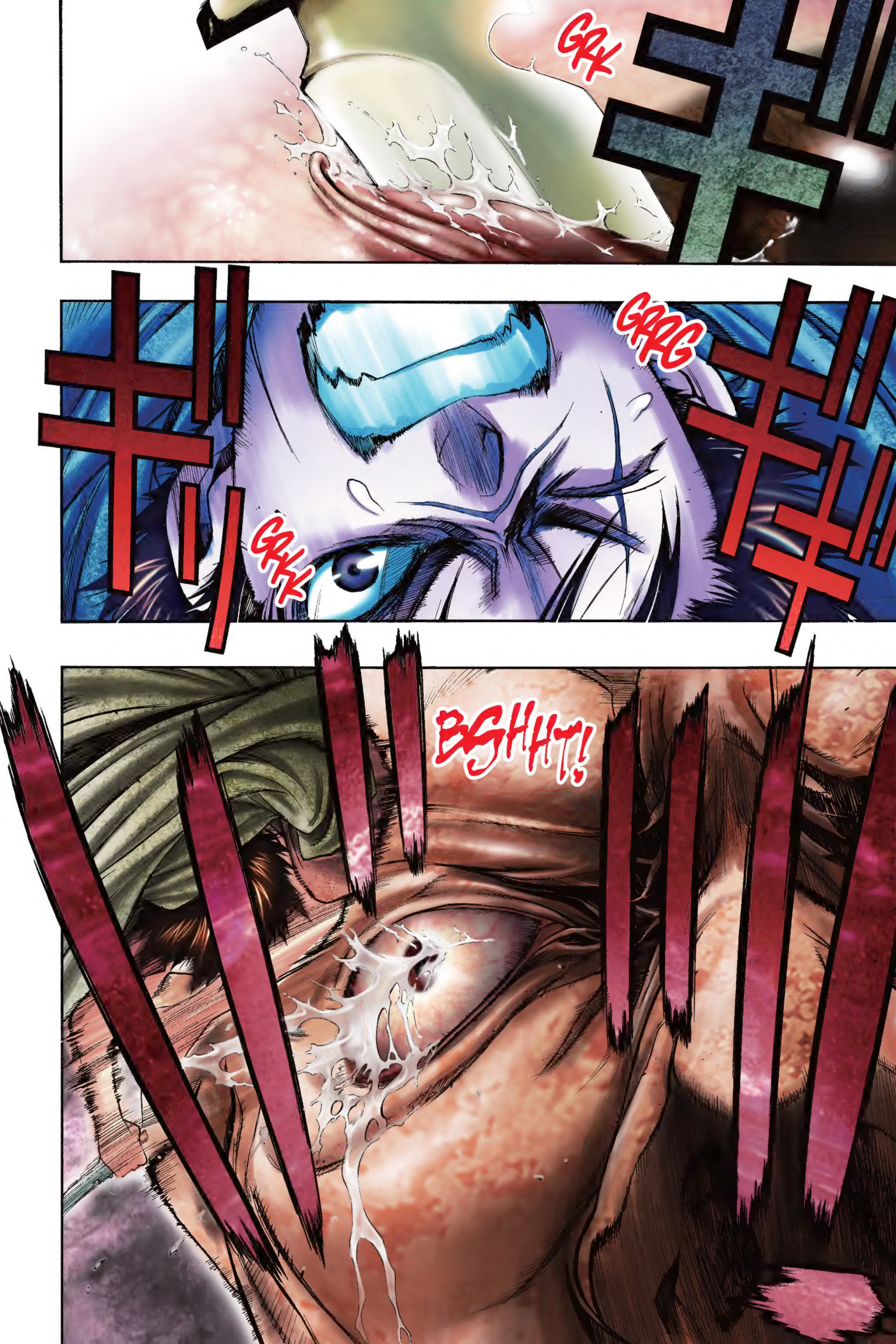
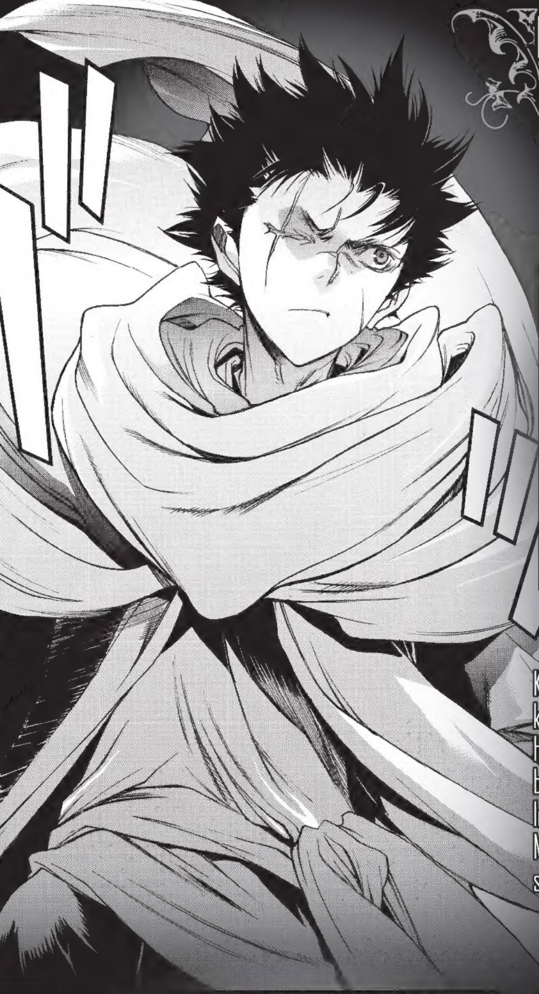
Chapter 8: Predatory Cycle

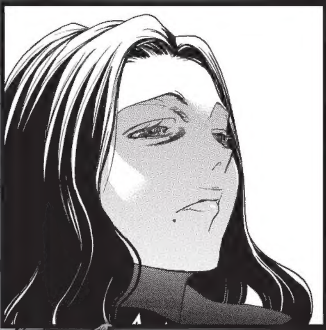

GRK
GRRG
GRKK
BSHHT!

Character Profiles



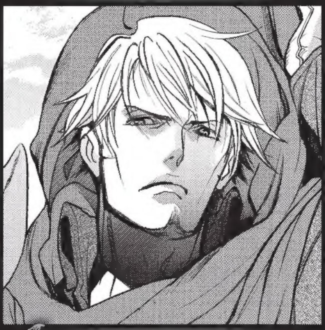
Kuklo

Kuklo was born from a dead body packed into the vomit of a Titan, which earned him the moniker, "Titan's son." The wealthy Inocencio family bought him from a sideshow hut. His father was Heath Mansel, squad leader in the Survey Corps, and his mother was Elena, who helped bring a Titan inside the walls. He escaped the Inocencio mansion when it was attacked by Titan-worshipers. He is now 15 years old.



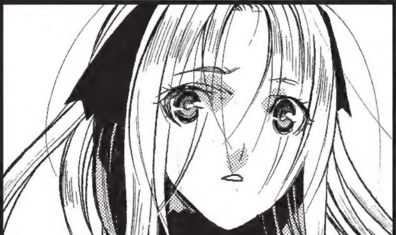
Elena

Kuklo's mother. Her husband Heath was killed by a Titan. When she saw his severed head, she went mad, and was manipulated by Titan-worshipers. Heavy with child, she led the campaign to open the gate in Wall Maria. When a Titan made its way inside, she was the first eaten.



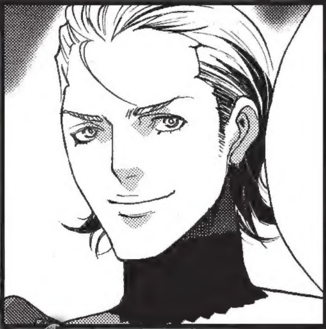
Carlo Pikale

Survey Corps captain. He was age 18 in the first chapter, having joined at the same time as Heath, Kuklo's father. He discovered Elena's remains in the Titan's vomit, and witnessed Kuklo's birth. Now the captain of the newly-reformed Survey Corps, he is 33 years old.



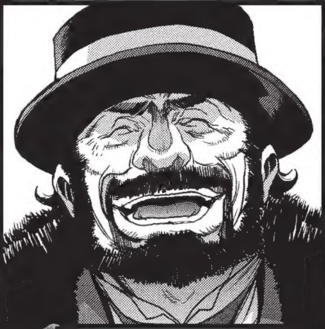
Sharle Inocencio

First daughter of the Inocencio family. She attempted to kill Kuklo after he was brought to the mansion, but became his only friend when she realized that he was human, not a monster. When Titan-worshipers invaded her home, she left with Kuklo, saying goodbye to her brother Xavi. She is now 15 years old.



Xavi Inocencio

Sharle's brother, firstborn of the Inocencio children. His father Dario raised him to lead the military. He beat Kuklo nearly every day for two years, claiming to have "conquered the Son of a Titan." This gave him an arrogant leader's air. He believes that Kuklo let the Titan-worshipers into his home.



Dario Inocencio

One of the top merchants behind Wall Sheena, innermost of the walls. He has close ties to politicians, and hoped to arrange a marriage between Sharle and the son of Bruno Baumeister, a prominent conservative leader. He was slain at the hands of Titan-worshipers who intended to free Kuklo.

The Story So Far

Fifteen years ago, a Titan terrorized Shiganshina District and left behind a pile of vomit. In that pile was a pregnant corpse, from which a baby boy was miraculously born. This boy was named Kuklo, the "Titan's son," and treated as a sideshow freak. Thirteen years later, the wealthy merchant Dario Inocencio bought Kuklo to serve as a punching bag for his son, Xavi. Meanwhile, Xavi's sister Sharle, who was terrified of the Titans, felt a secret duty to purge their house of the so-called monster. But when she approached the chained Kuklo with murderous intent, she realized that he was a human being like any other, and decided to teach him what it meant to be human instead.

Kuklo put together an escape plan over two long years, but on the day of the escape, tragedy struck the Inocencio mansion. A group of Titan-worshipers invaded, seeking to take back the Titan's son. They murdered Dario and many of the mansion servants. Kuklo narrowly managed to save Sharle and Xavi from harm, but Xavi accused him of being in league with the attackers, and put out his right eye. Kuklo took Sharle and escaped from Wall Sheena into Shiganshina.

In Shiganshina District, the Survey Corps was back in action, preparing for its first expedition outside of the wall in 15 years. Kuklo wanted to see a Titan to confirm that he was indeed a human being. He left Sharle behind and snuck into the expedition's cargo wagon. As he hoped, the Survey Corps ran across a Titan, but it was far worse of a monster that he expected. The group turned around to retreat to Wall Maria, but the Titan crushed the wagon at the rear. Kuklo and the coach driver were caught in the creature's terrible clutches.

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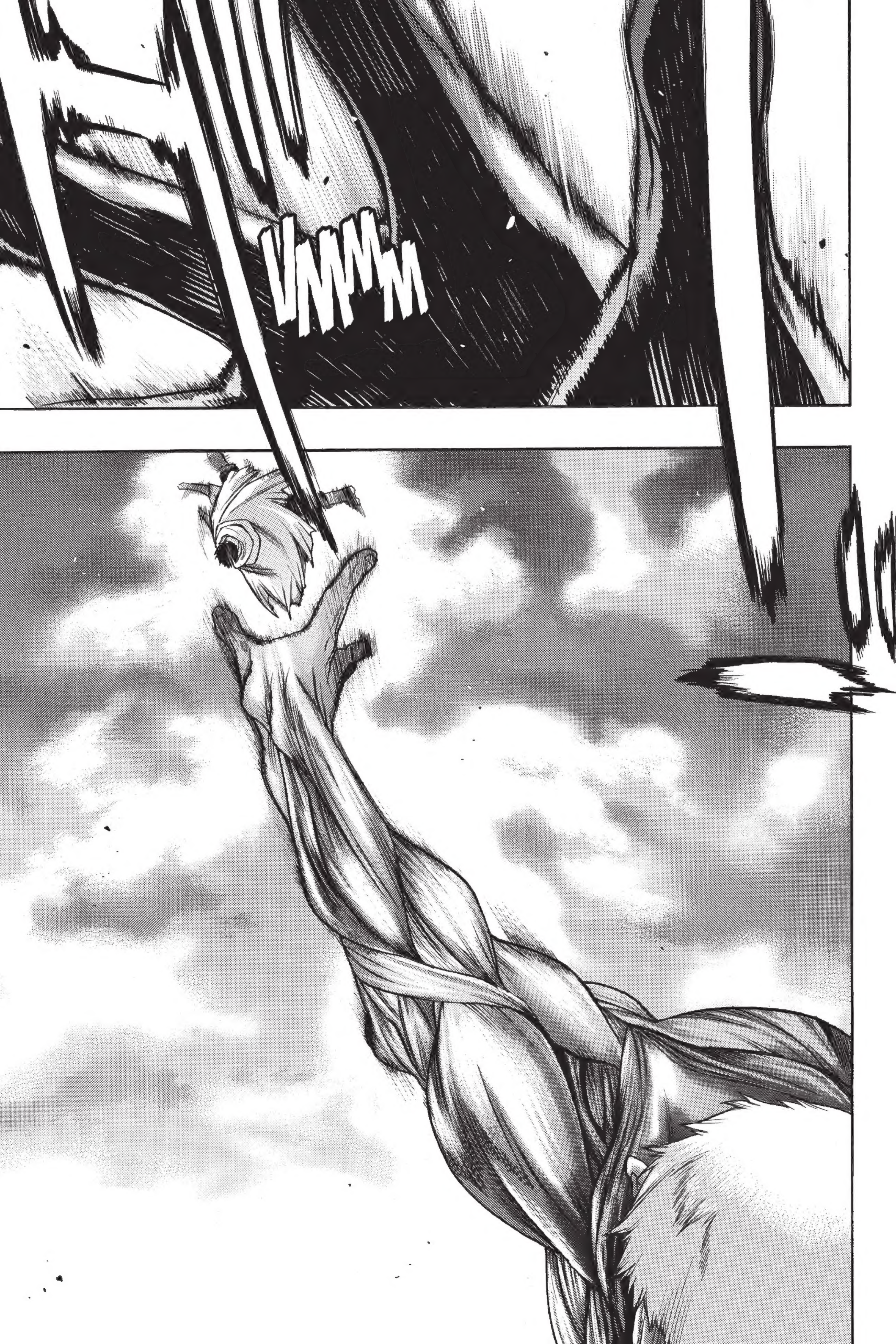
DMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
WUH!
AA
AAAA
AH!


VMMM
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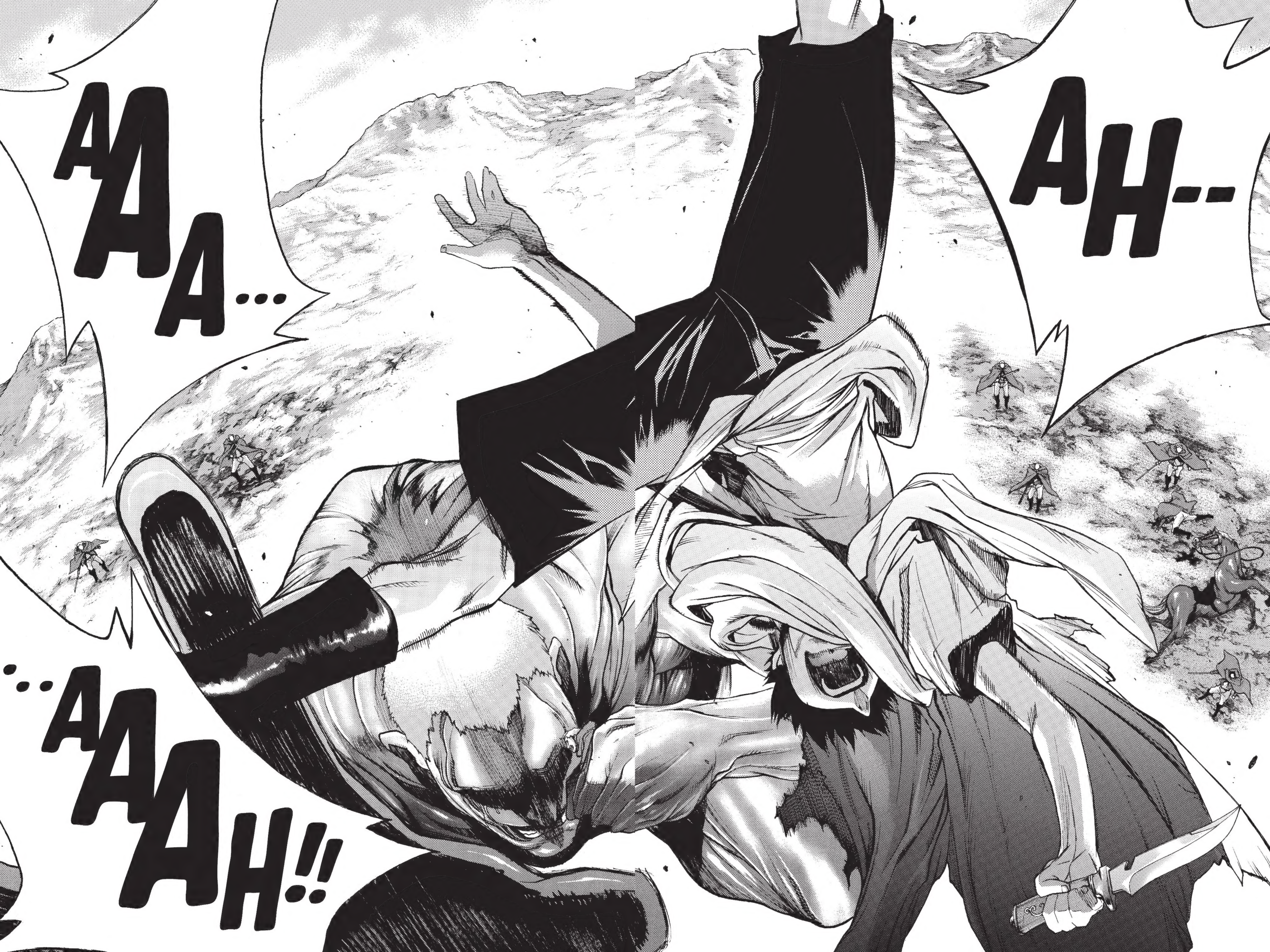
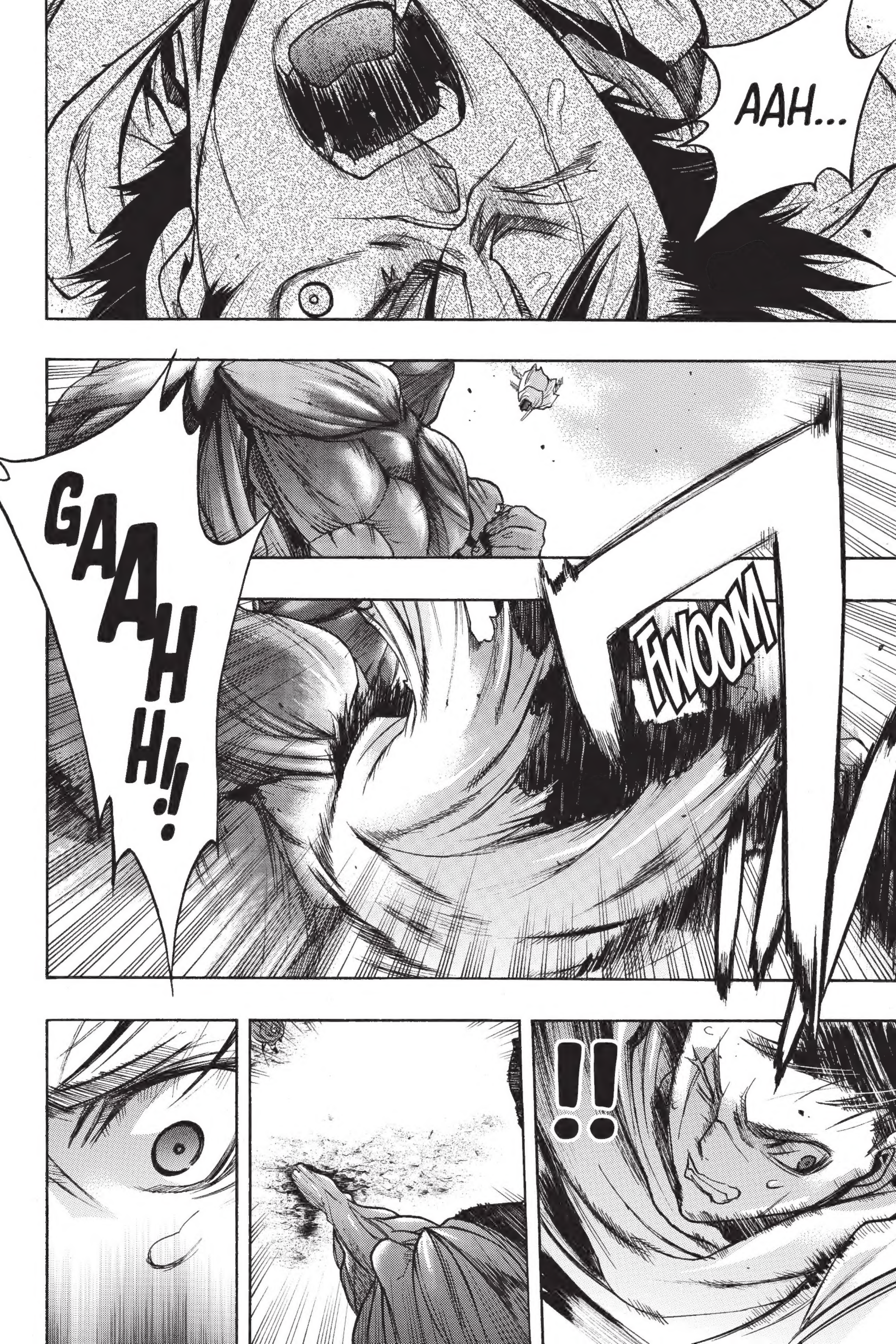

AH--
AAAA...
...AAAAH!!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FWOOM
GAAAHH!!
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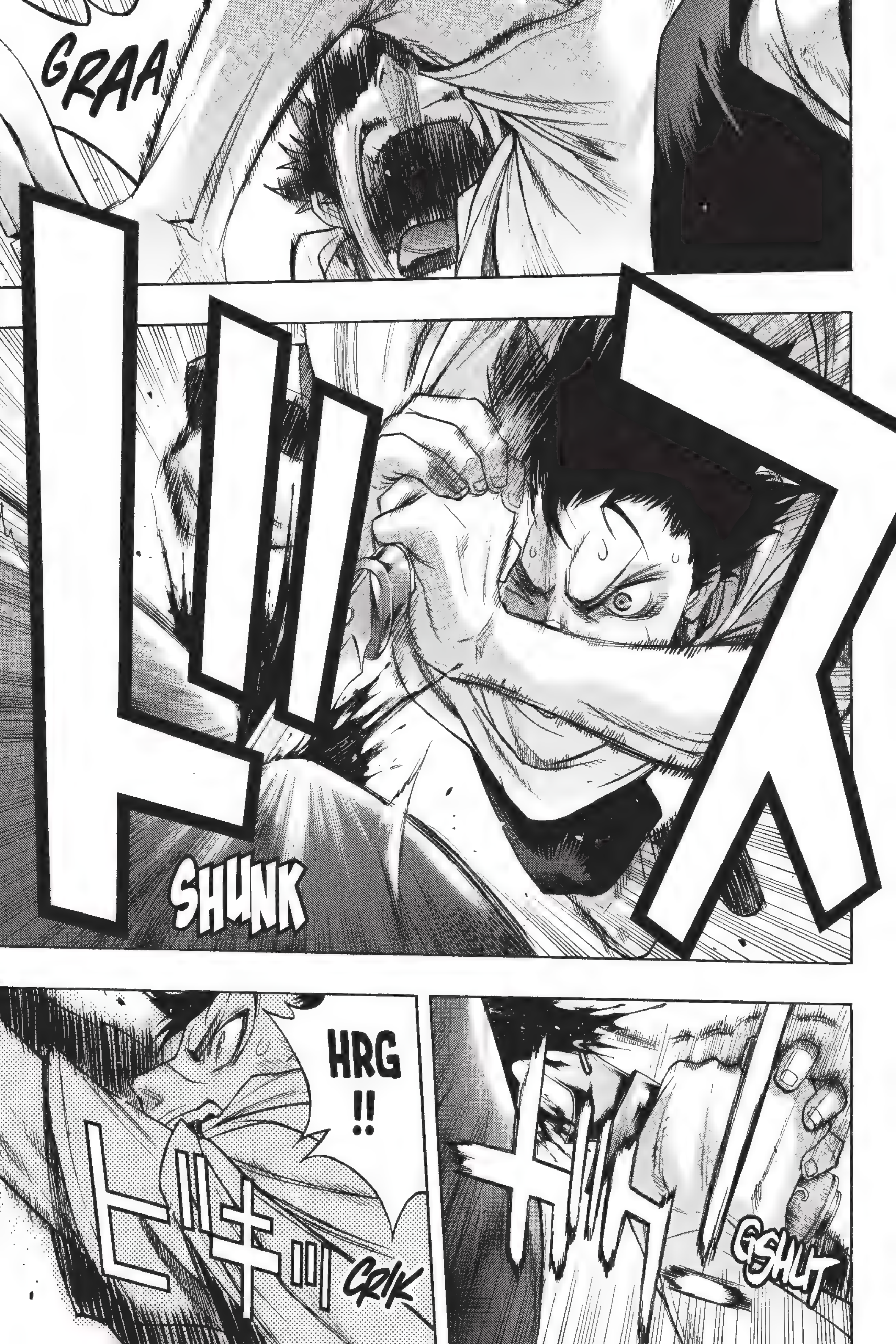
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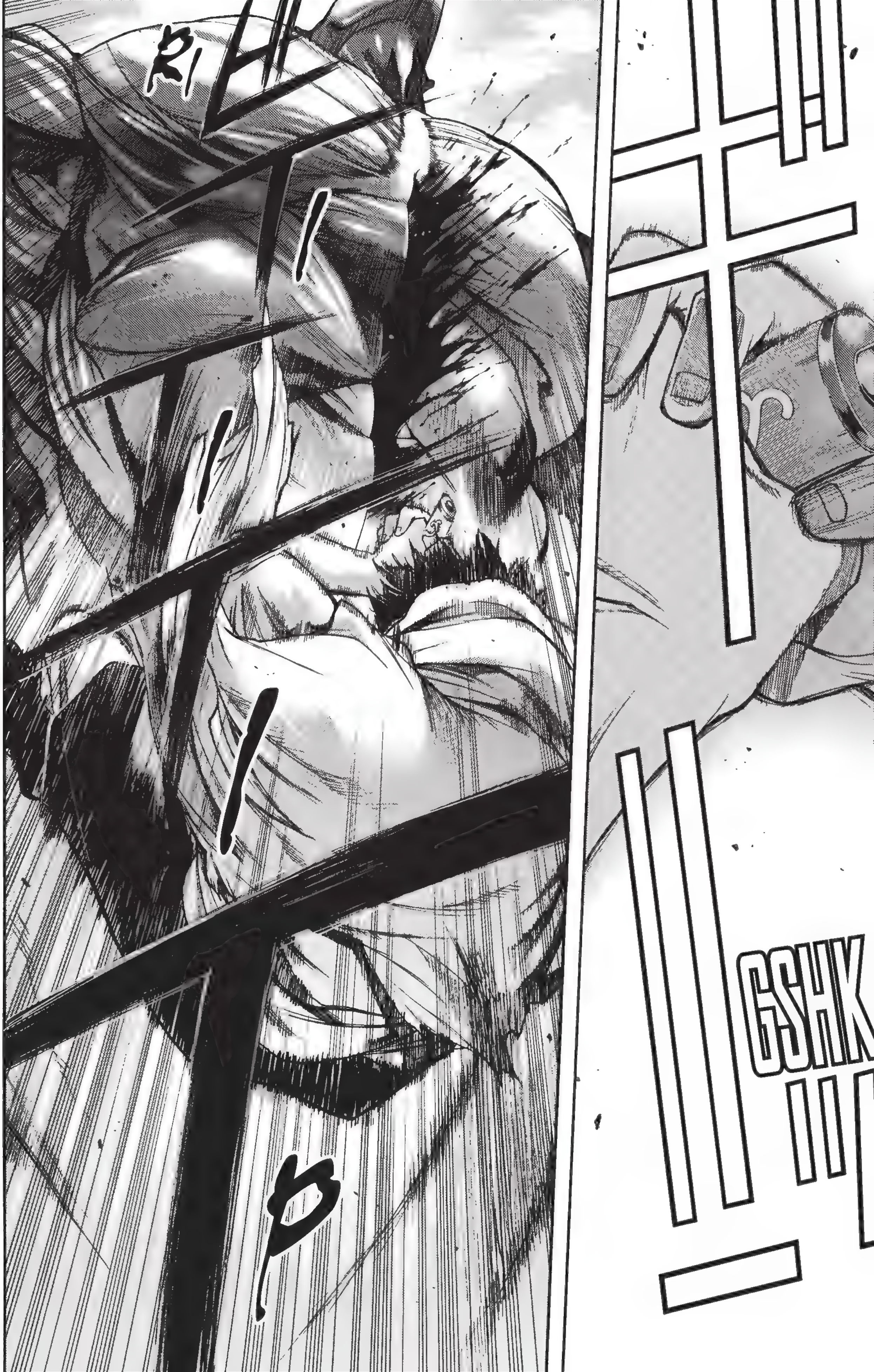
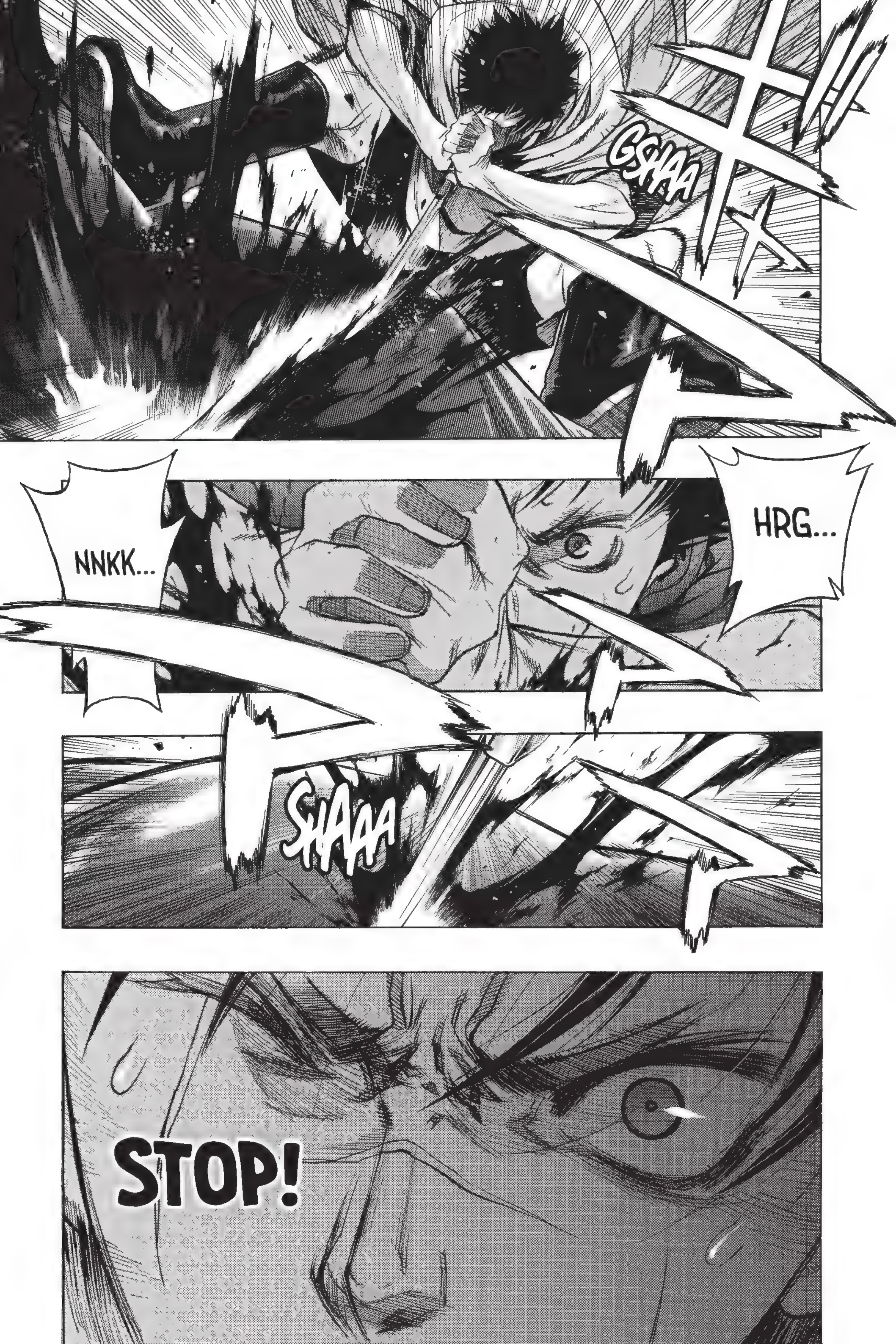
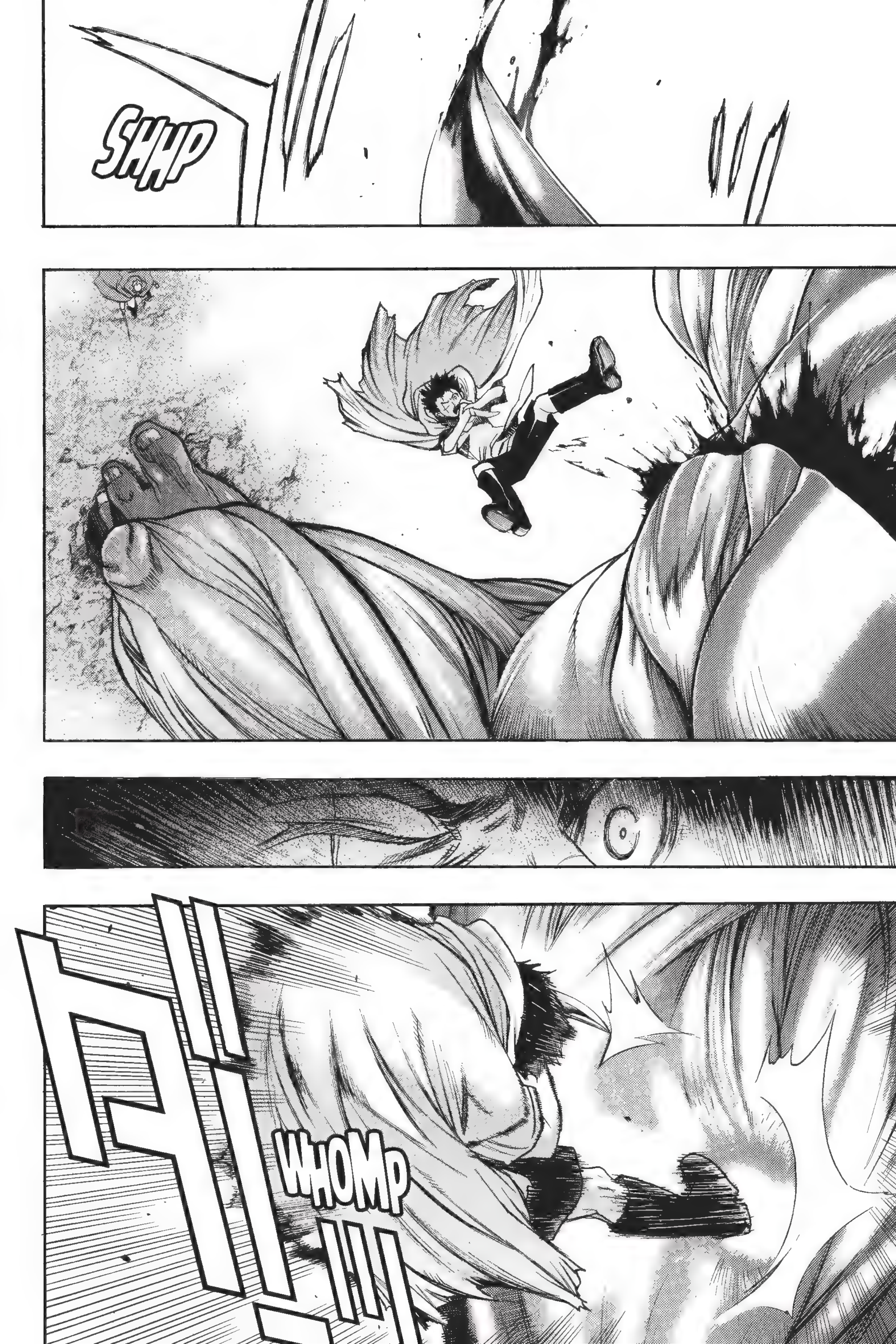
SHUNK
ギュッ
GSHUT
HRG !!
ビキッ
CRIK


GSHK
RIIIIP


GSHAA
HRG...
NNKK...
SHAAA
STOP!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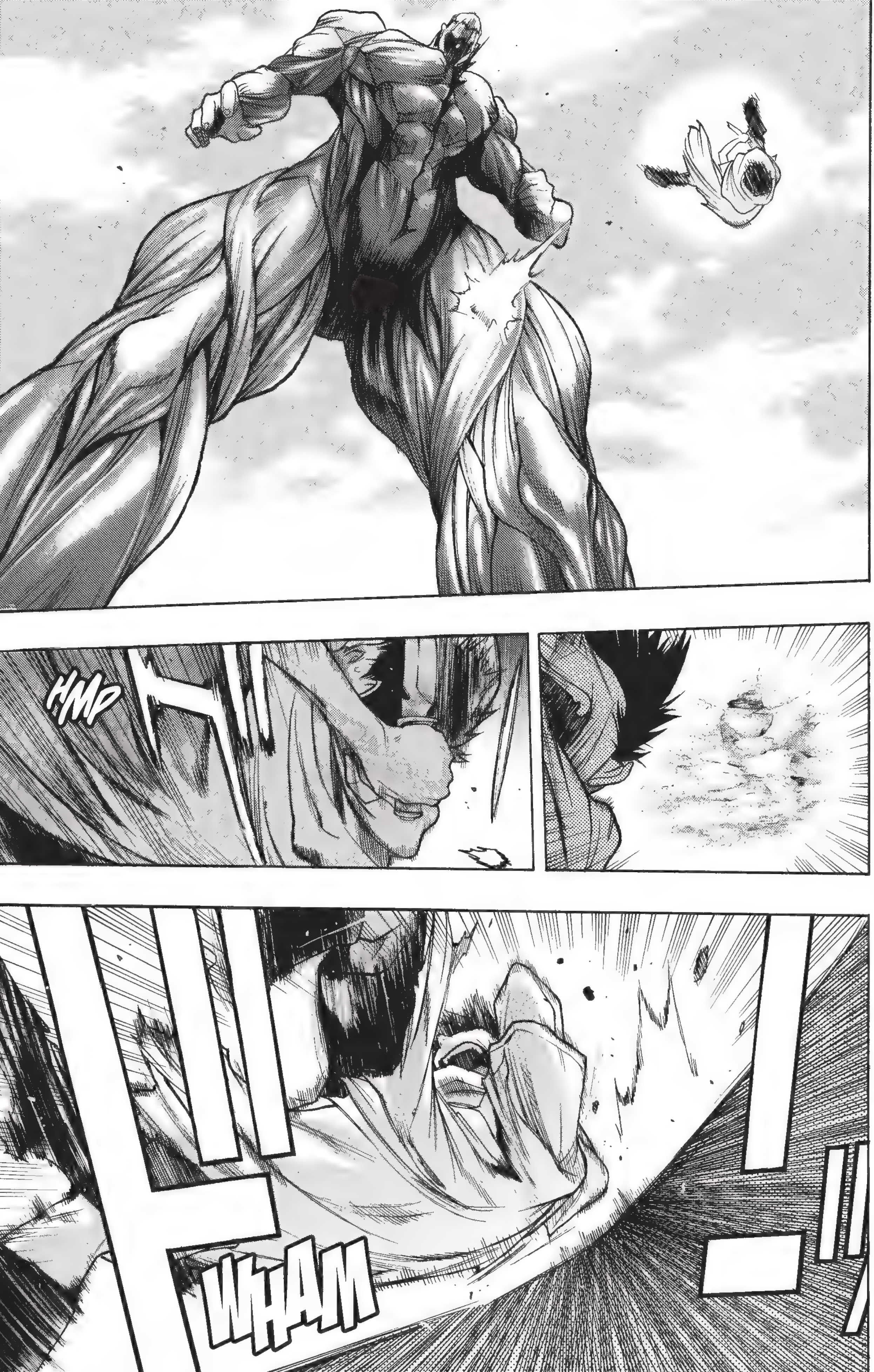
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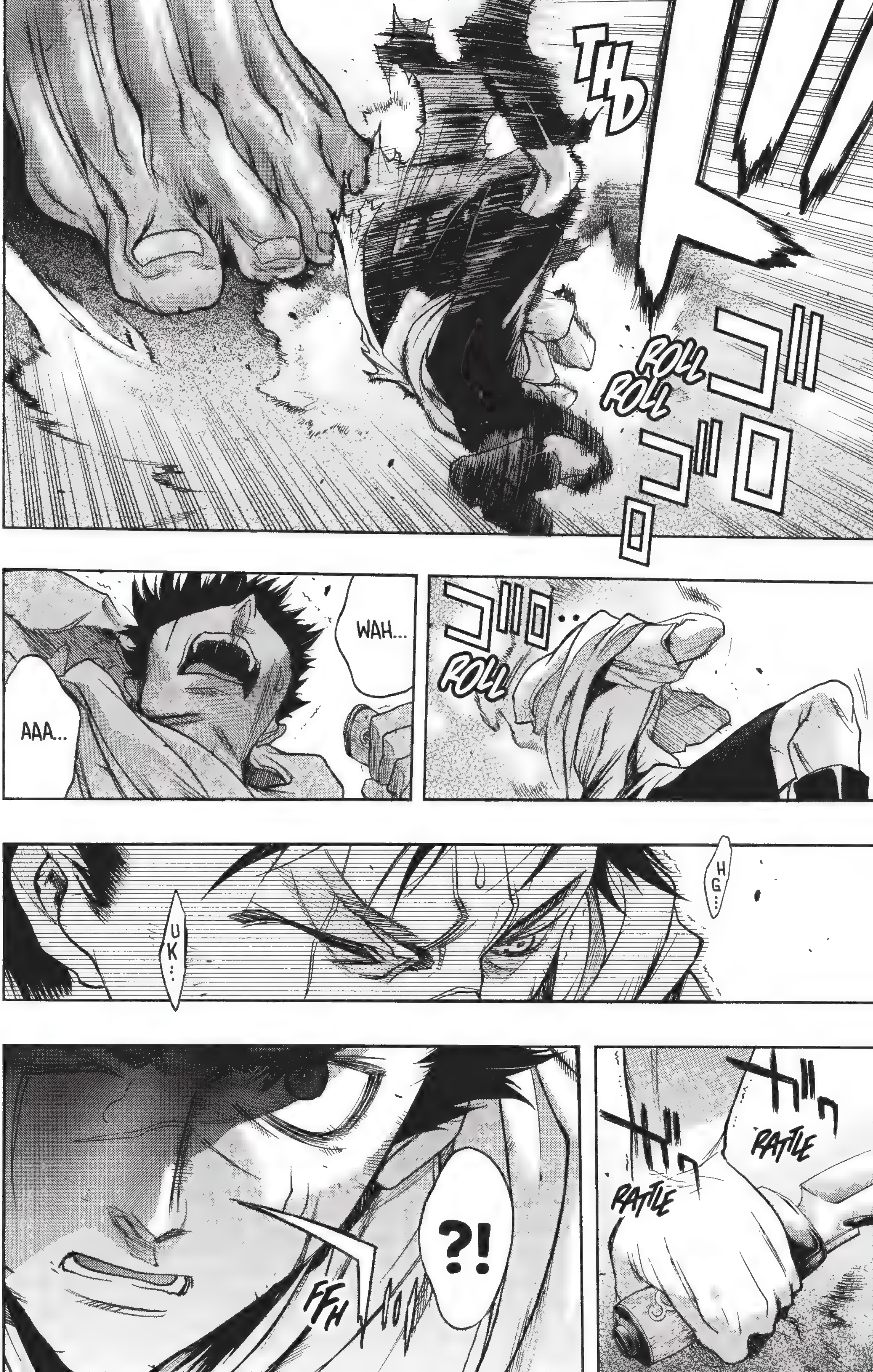
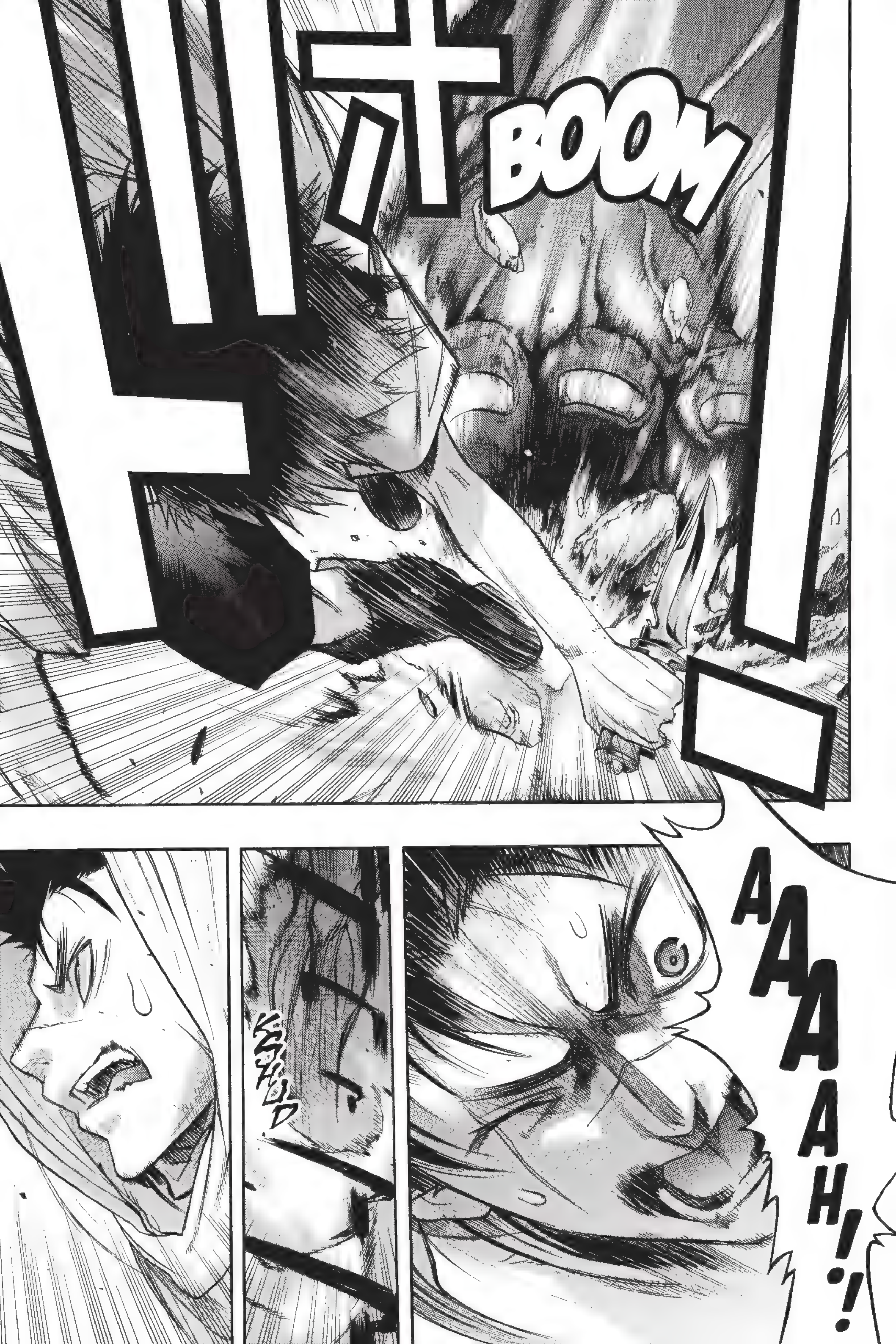
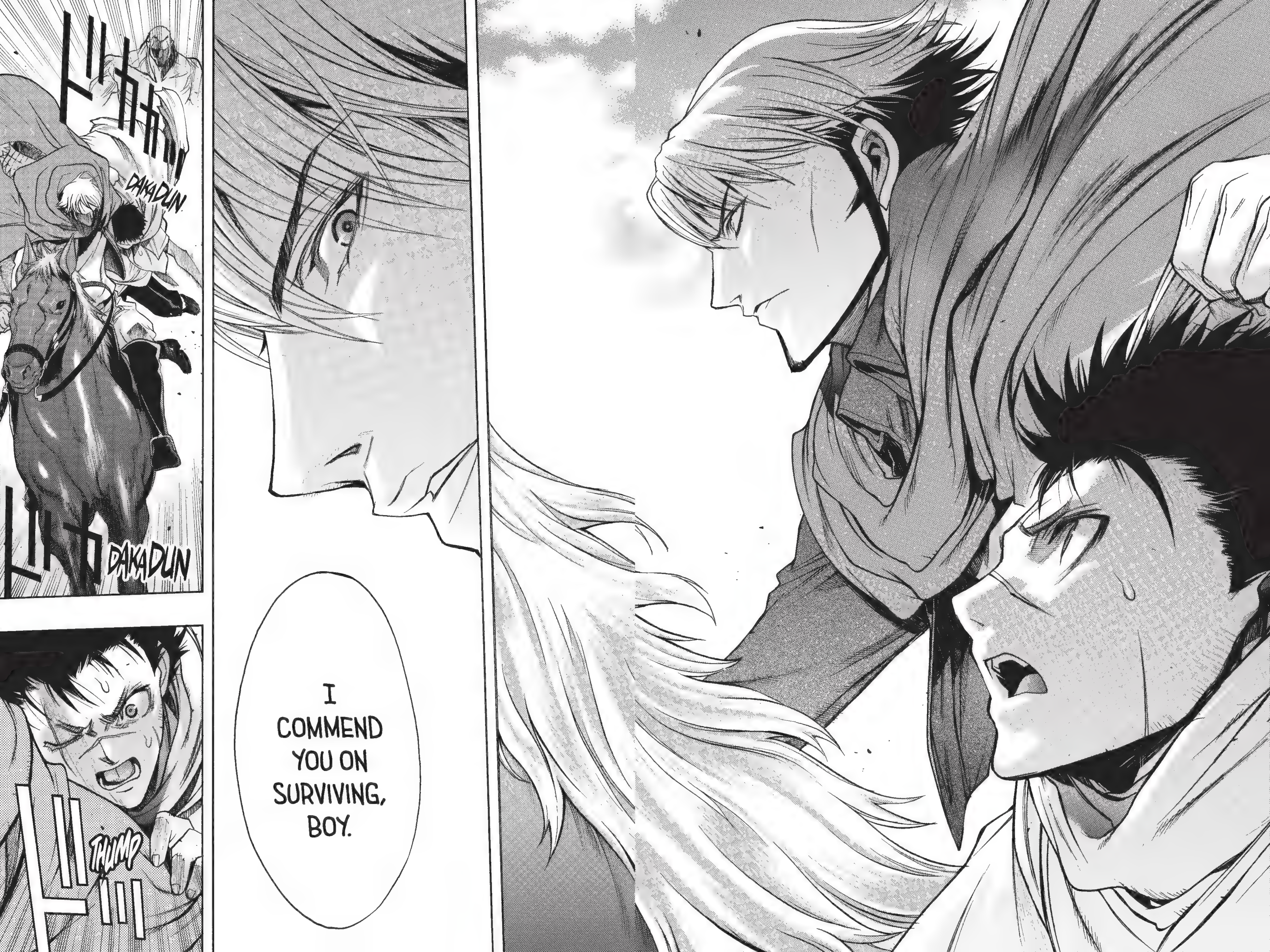
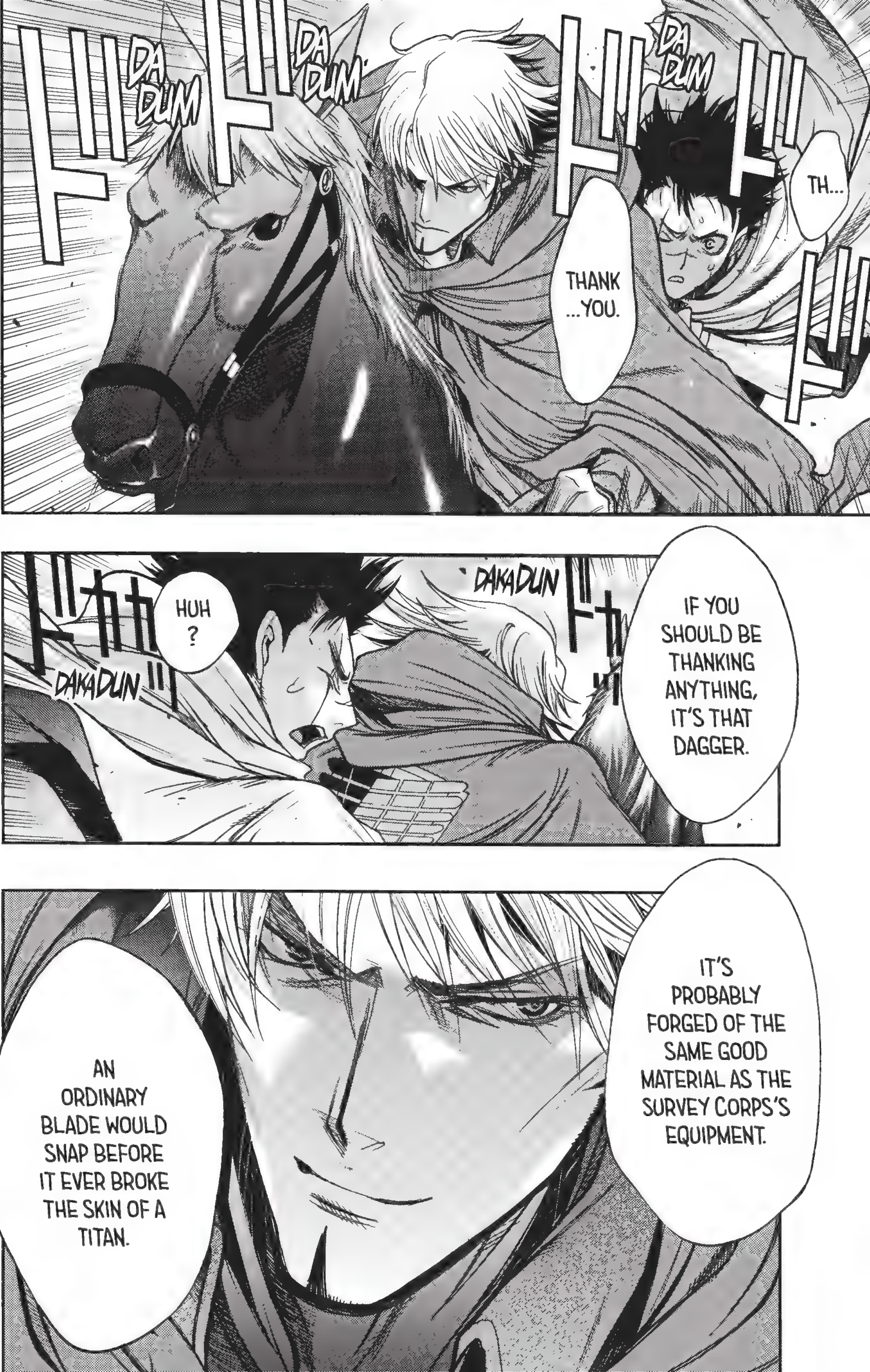
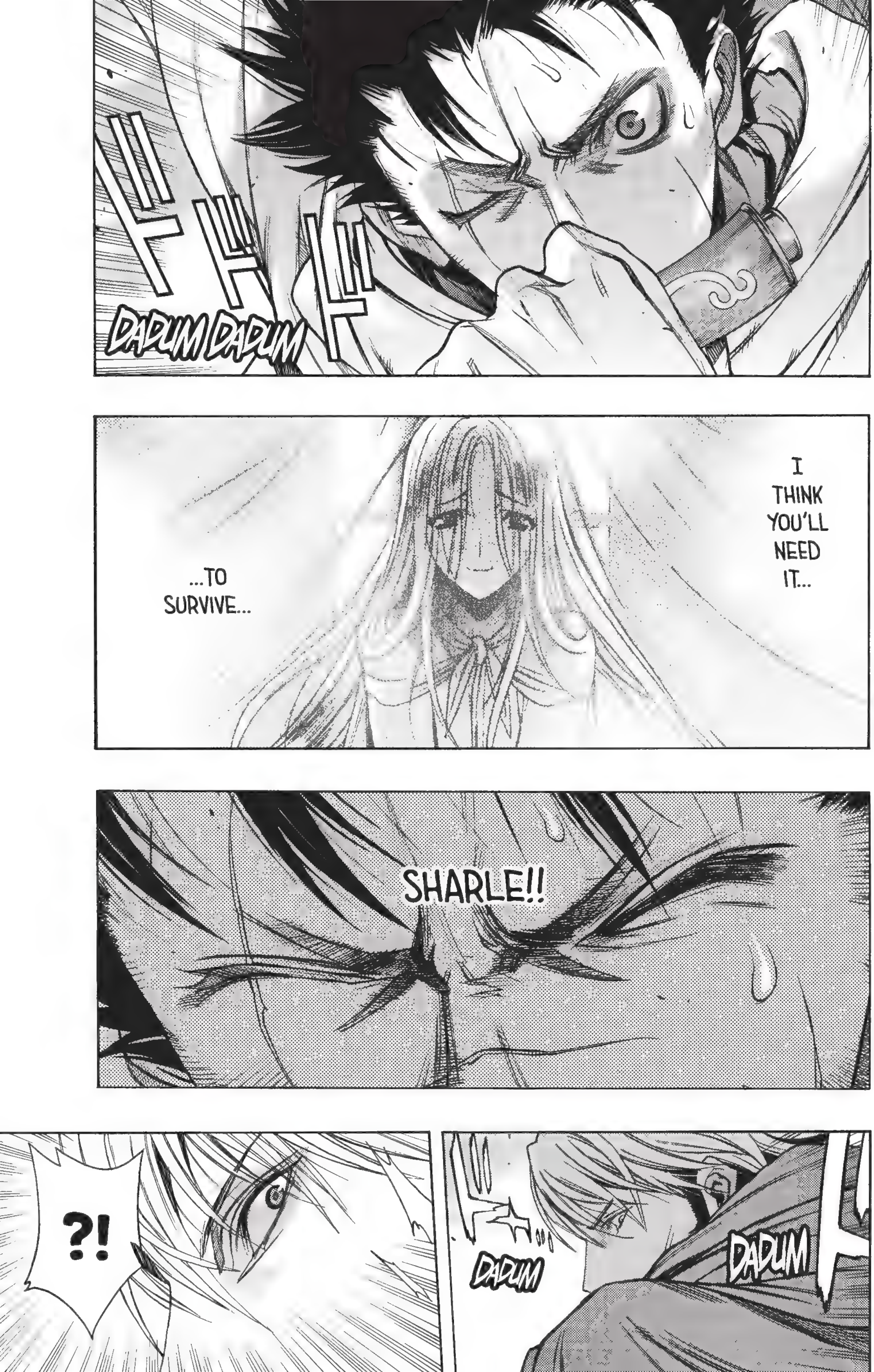
WHAM

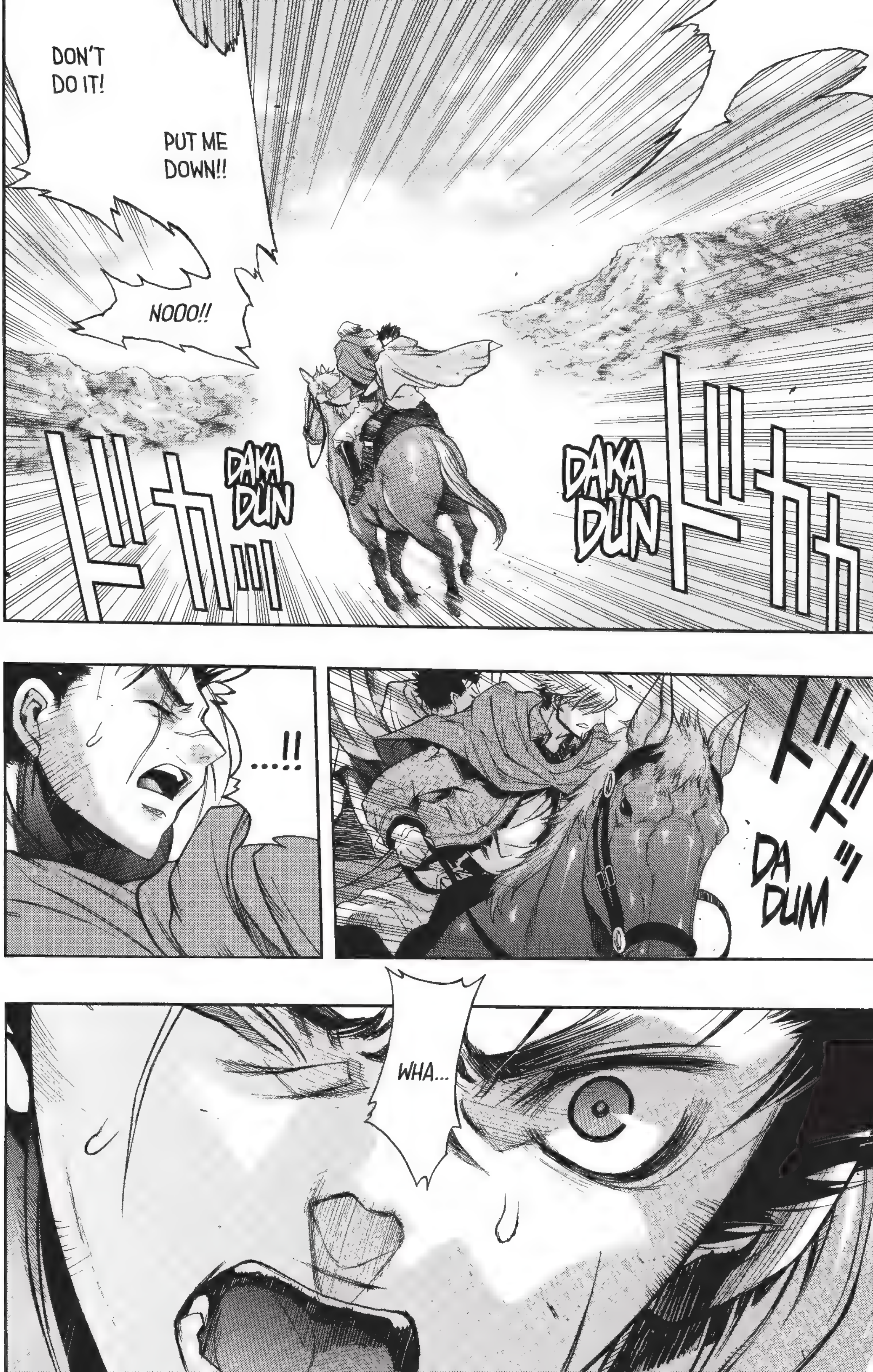

THD
ゴロゴロ
ROLL
ROLL
ゴロ‥
ROLL
WAH...
AAA...
HG...
UK...
ガタッ
RATTLE
ガタッ
RATTLE
?!
FFH

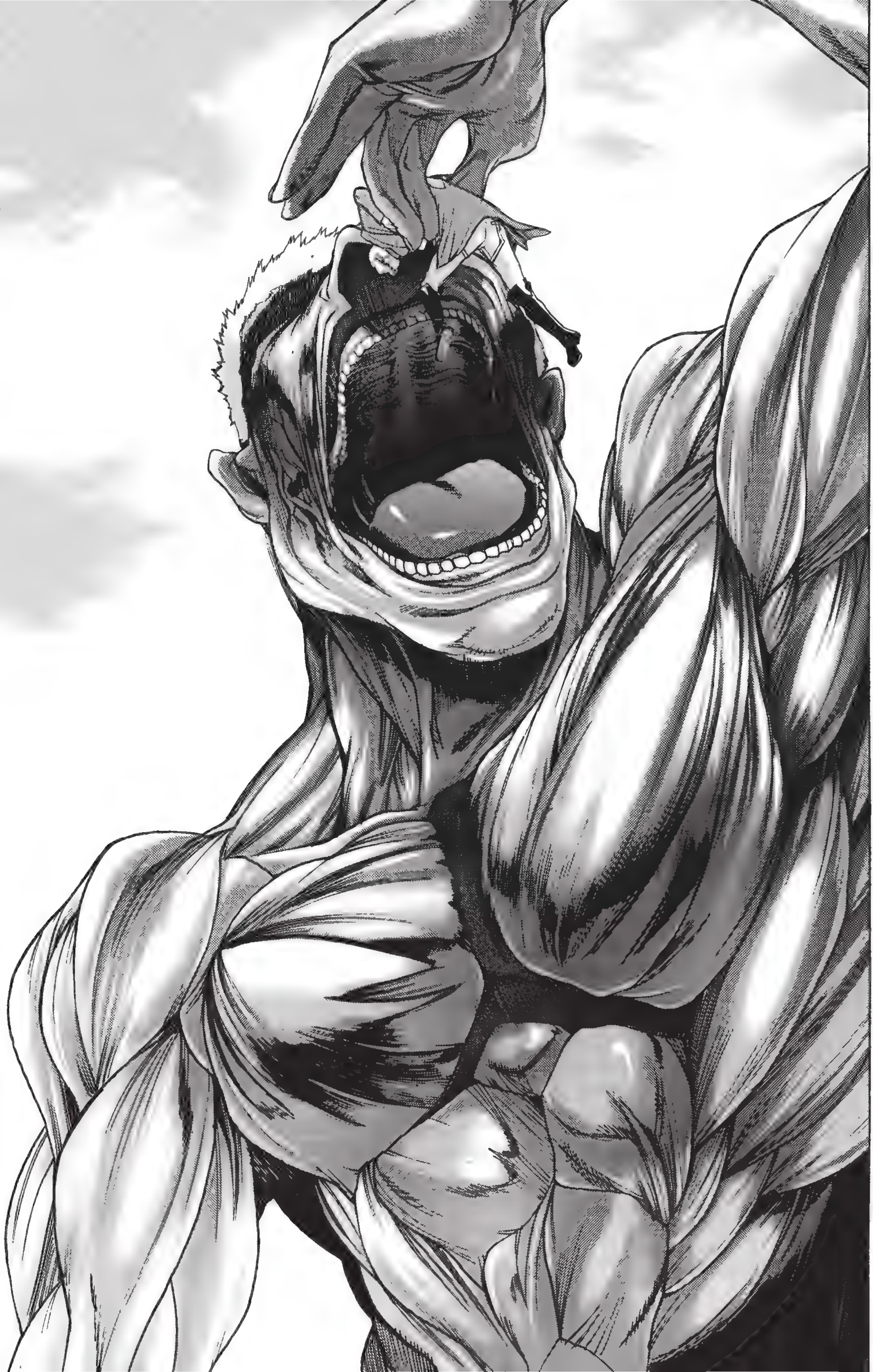

BOOM
AAAAAH!!
KSSHUD


I COMMEND YOU ON SURVIVING, BOY.
ドカカカッ
DAKADUN
ドカカ
DAKADUN
THUMP


DA DUM
TH...
THANK ...YOU.
DA DUM
DA DUM
IF YOU SHOULD BE THANKING ANYTHING, IT'S THAT DAGGER.
DAKADUN
HUH ?
DAKADUN
IT'S PROBABLY FORGED OF THE SAME GOOD MATERIAL AS THE SURVEY CORPS'S EQUIPMENT.
AN ORDINARY BLADE WOULD SNAP BEFORE IT EVER BROKE THE SKIN OF A TITAN.


DADUM DADUM
I THINK YOU'LL NEED IT...
...TO SURVIVE...
SHARLE!!
DADUM
DADUM
?!


DON'T DO IT!
PUT ME DOWN!!
NOOO!!
ドカカ
DAKA DUN
DAKA DUN
ドカッ
ドドッ
DA DUM
...!!
WHA...



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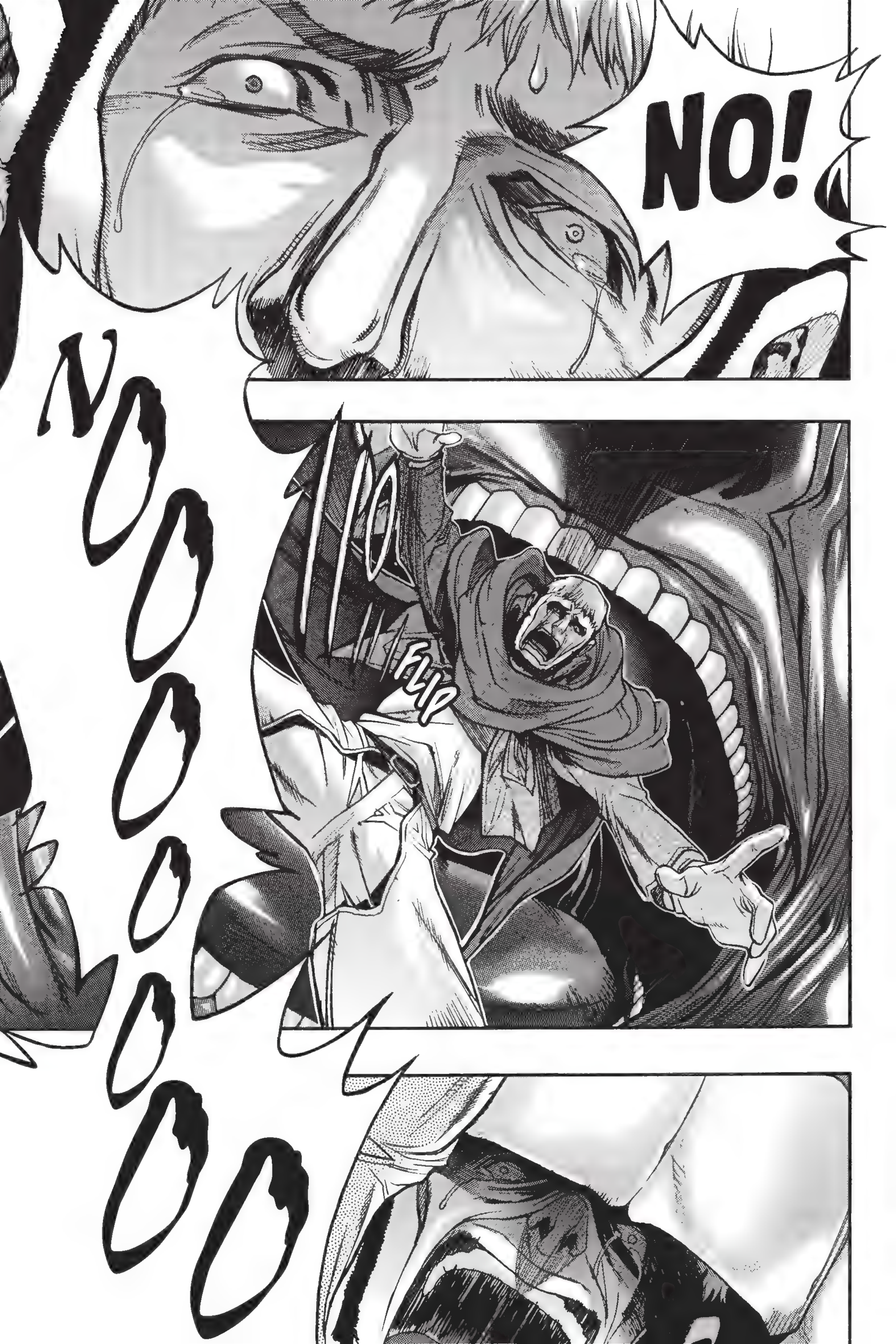
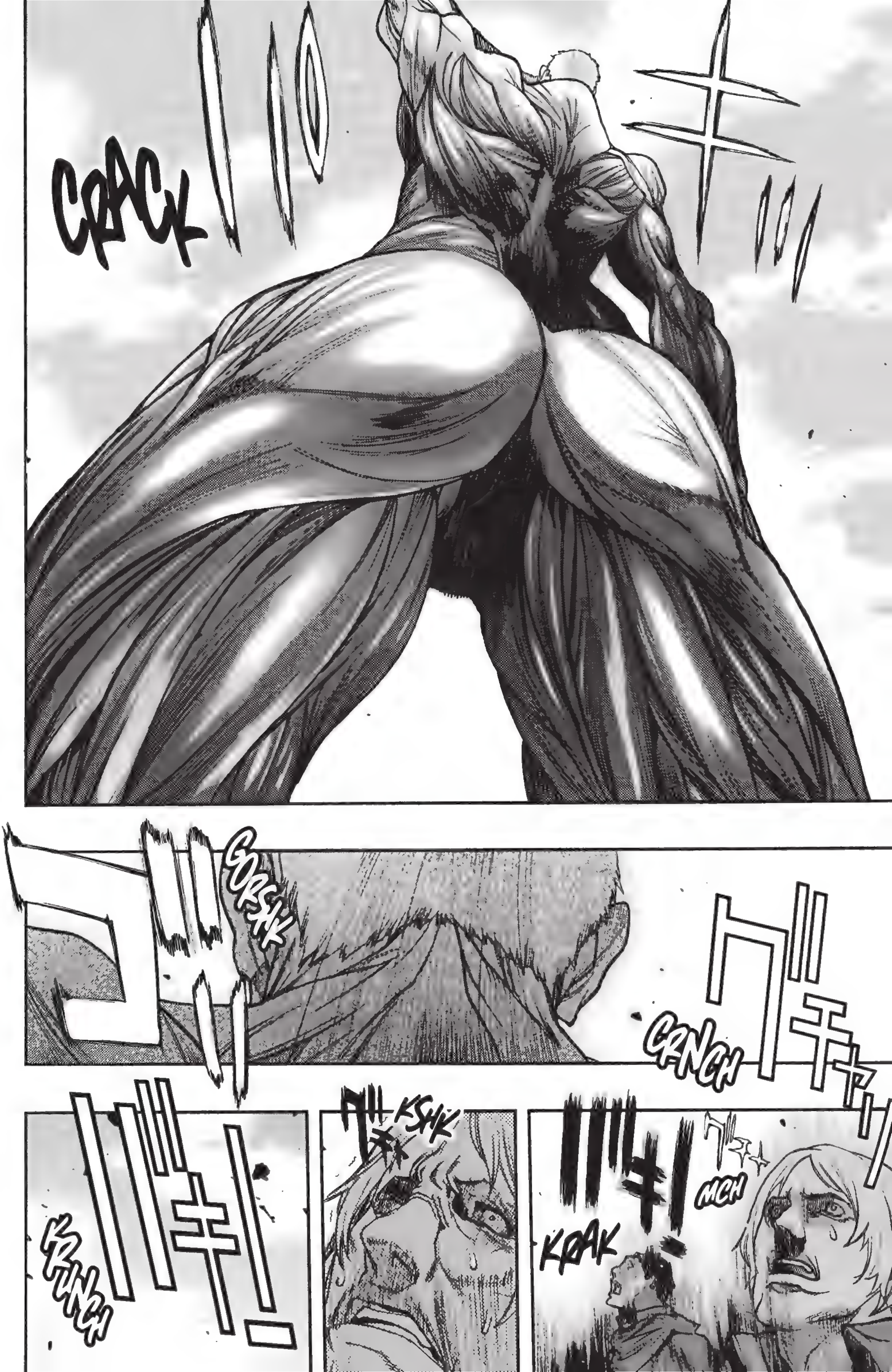
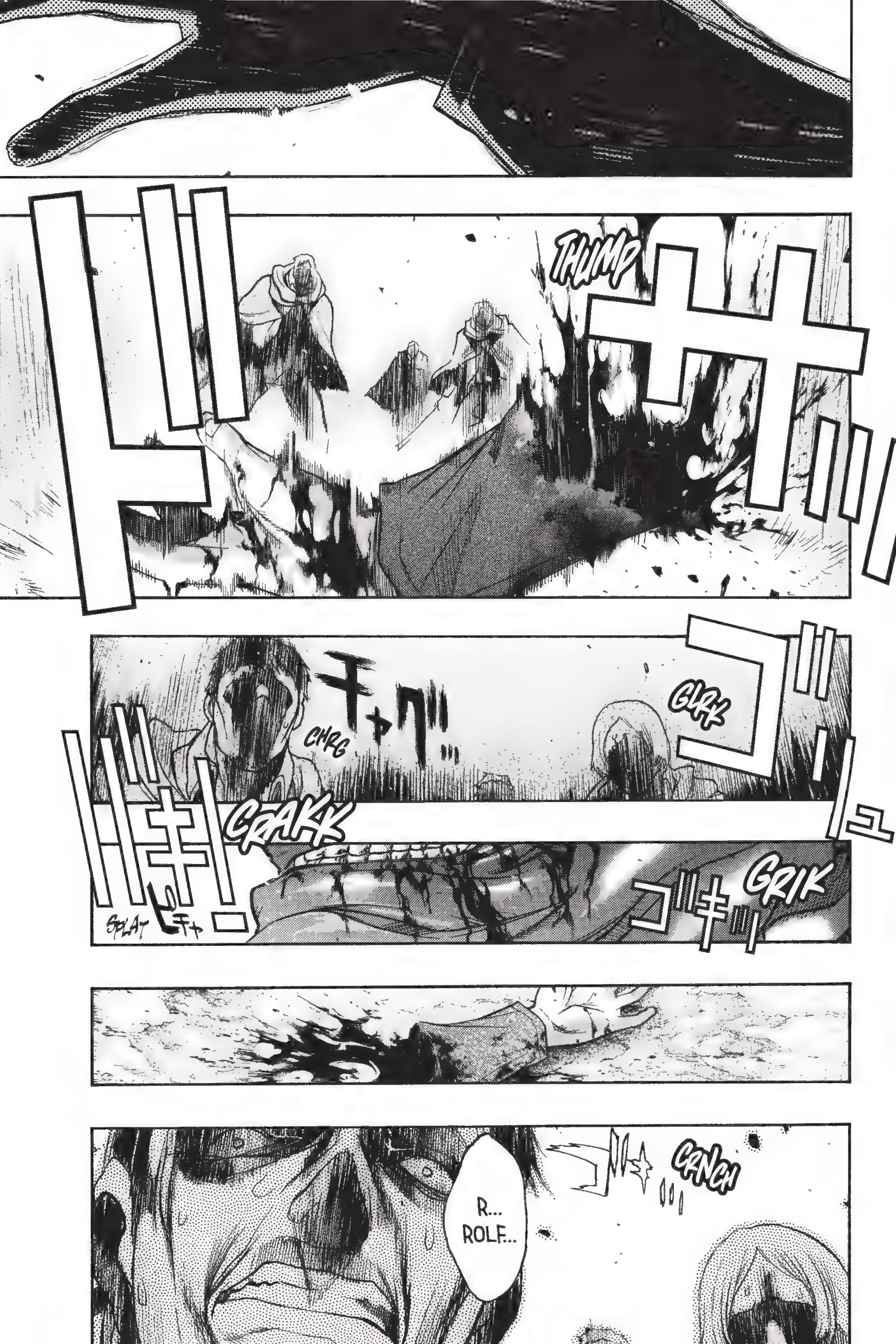

NO!
NOOOOOOO
FLIP


CRACK
グチャ
CRNCH
ゴリ
GORSHK
バキ!
KRAK
MCH
KSHK
バキ!
KRUNCH


ドサッ
THUMP
ドッ
ゴリュ
GURK
チャグッ
CHRG
バキ!
CRAKK
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GRIK
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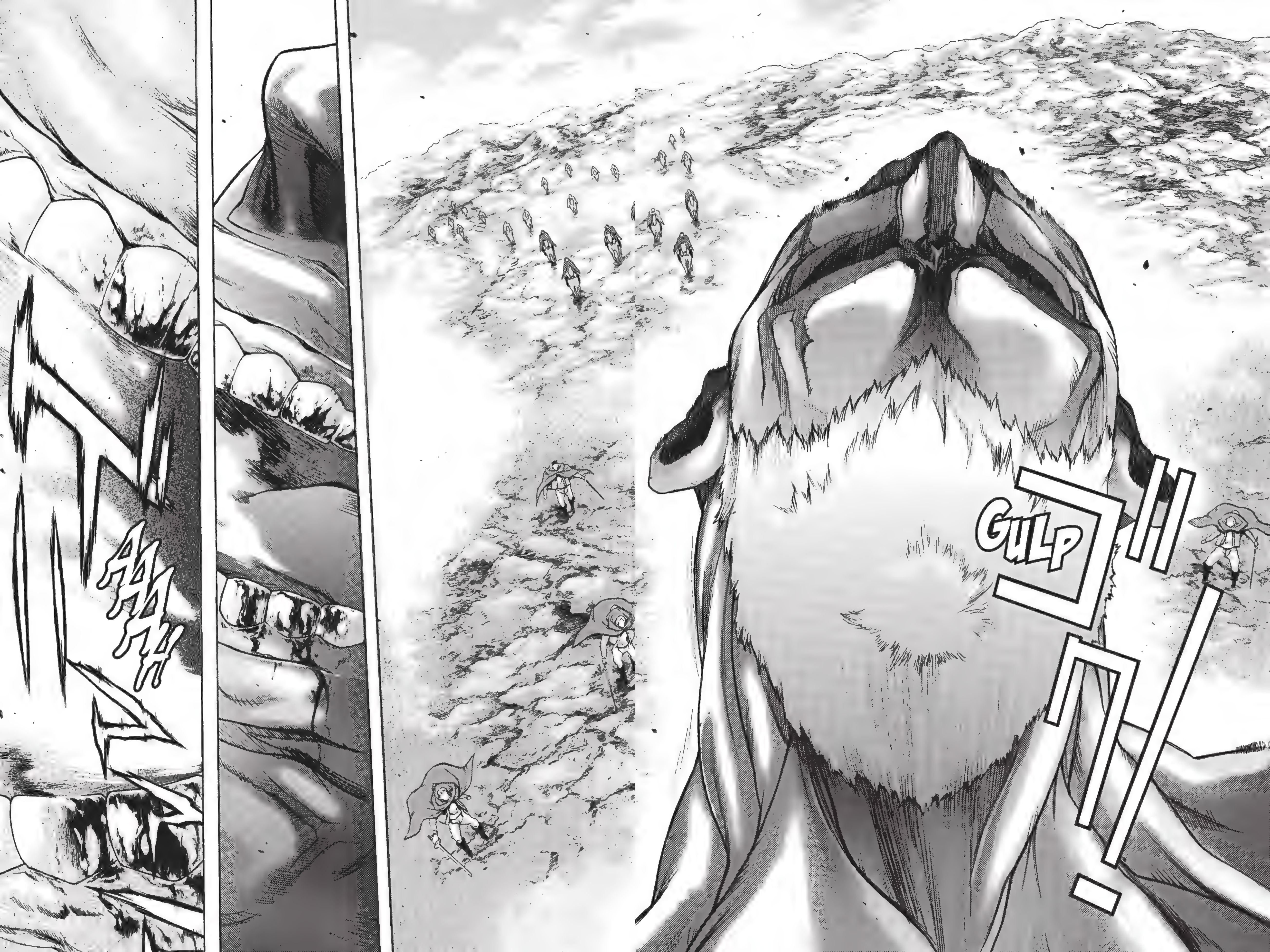
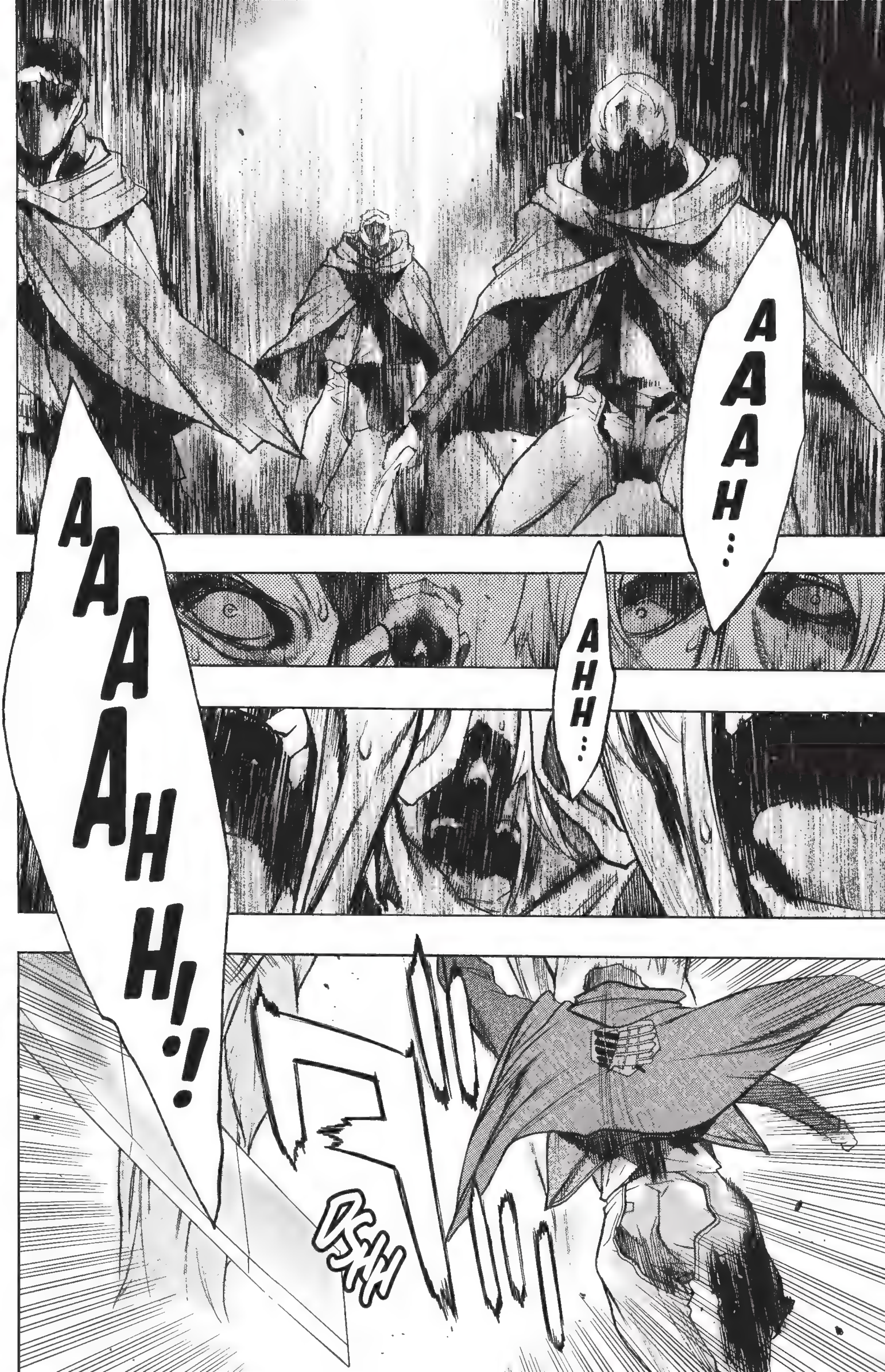
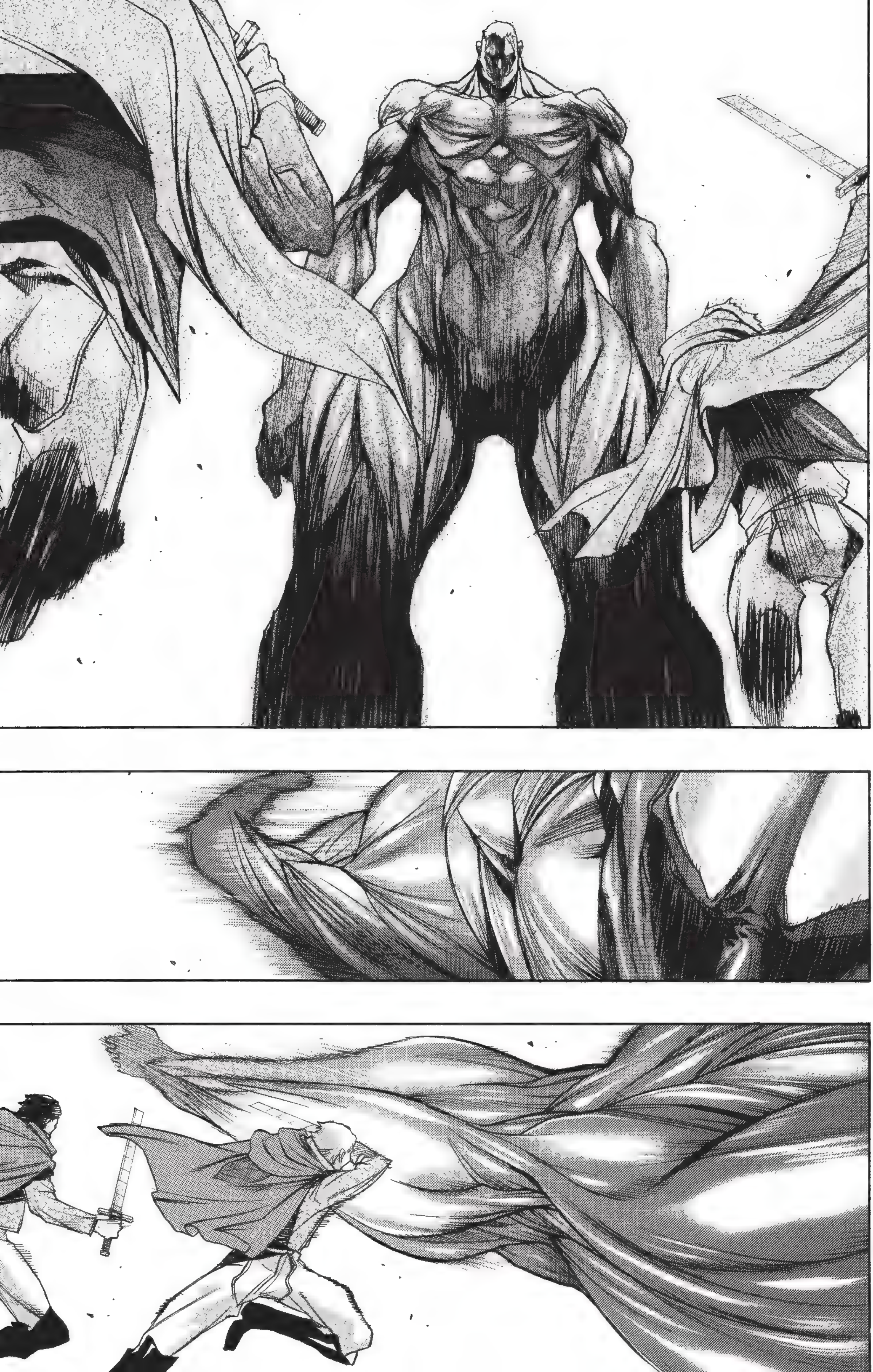
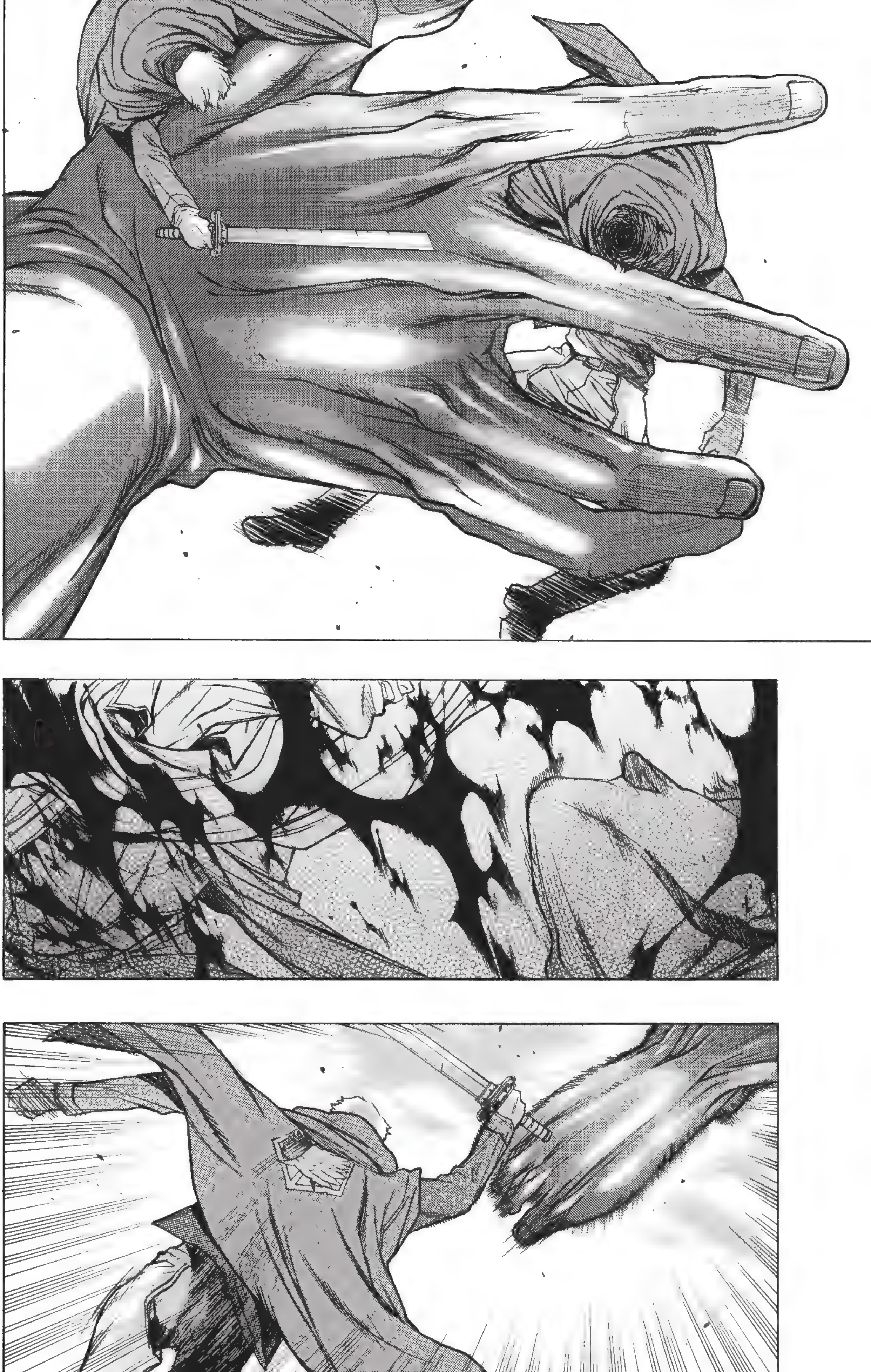
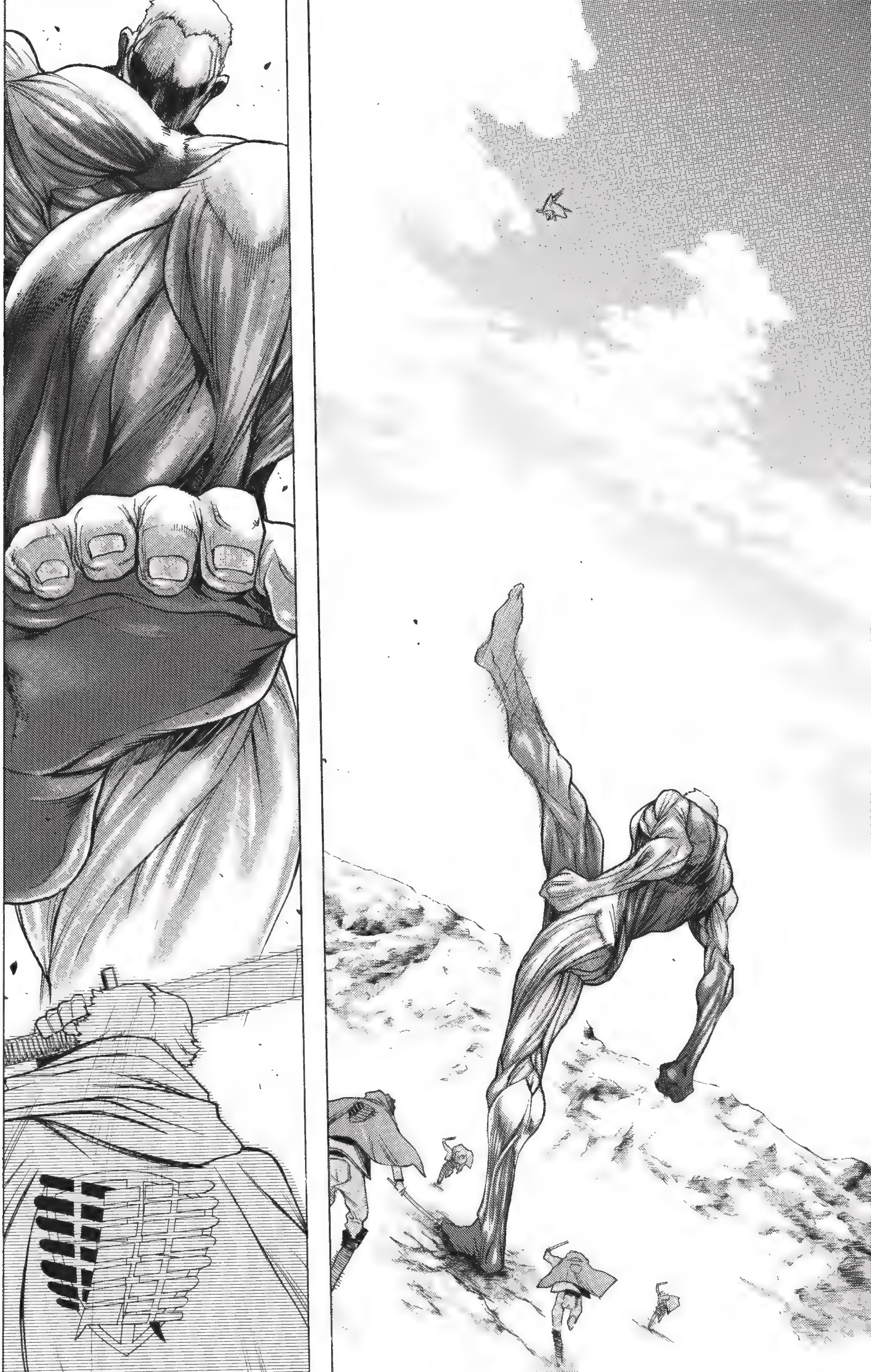
ゴキッ
CRNCH
R... ROLF...

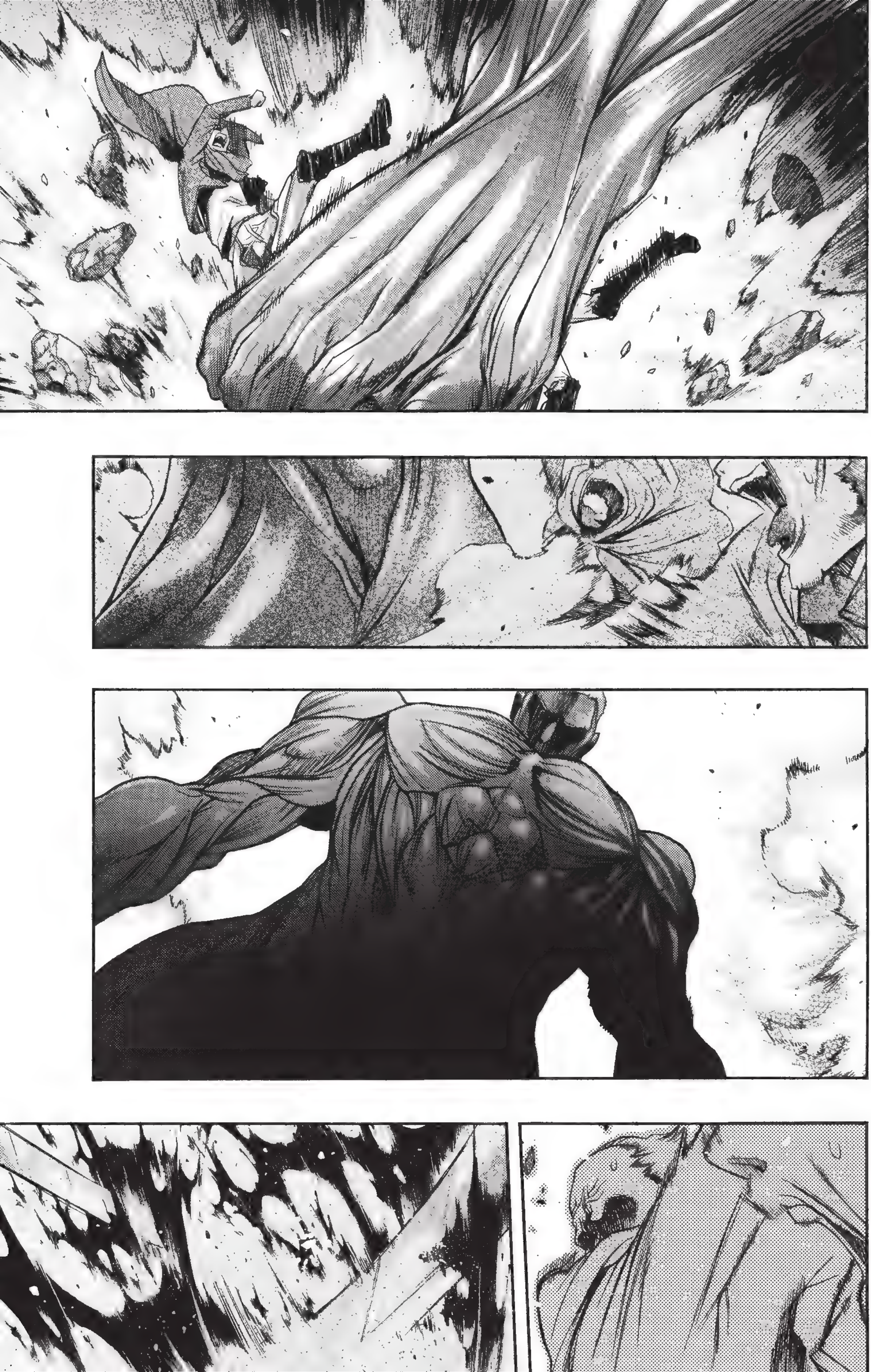

GULP
AAAAH

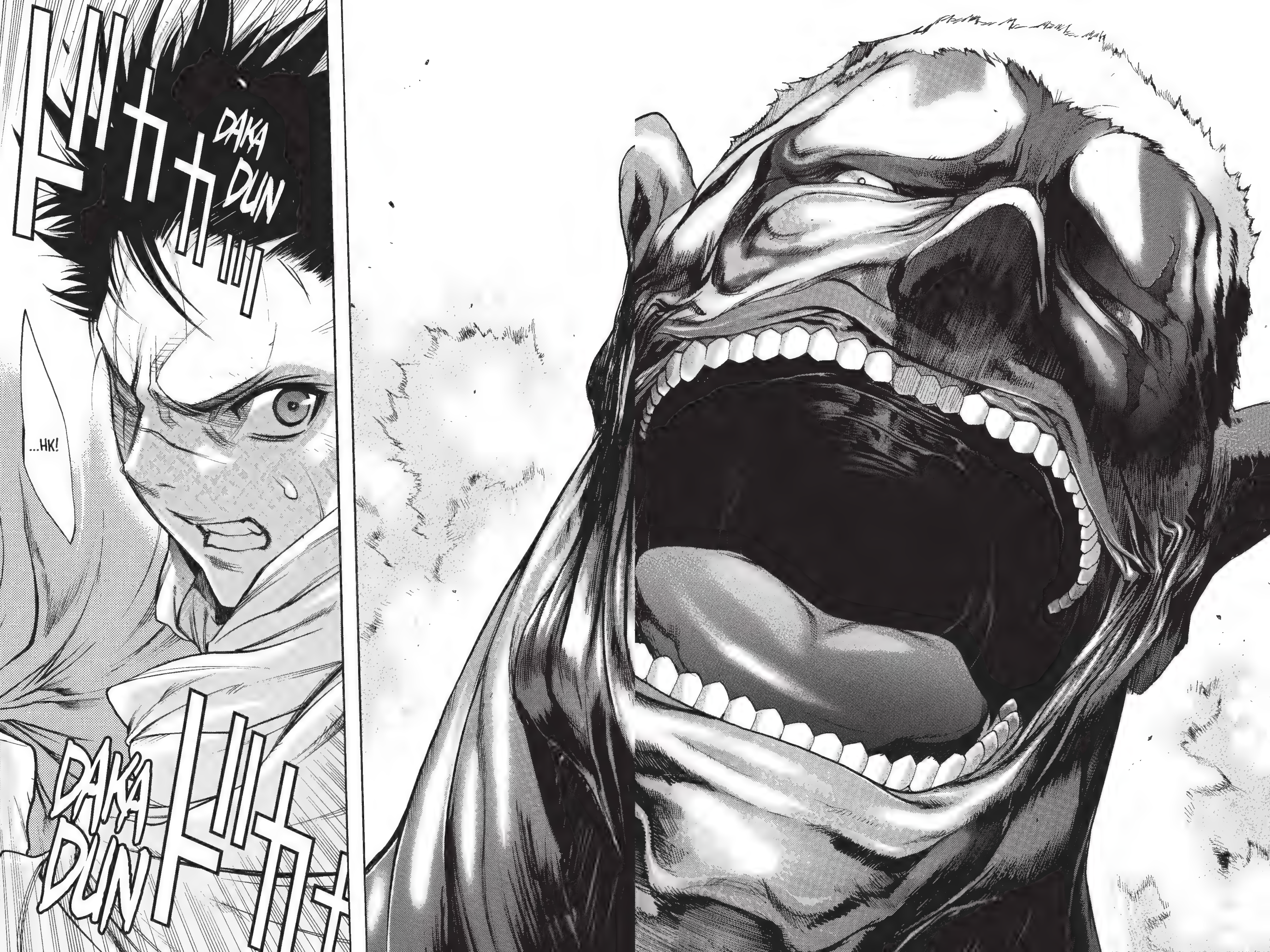

AAAH...
AHH...
AAAAHH!!
DSHH

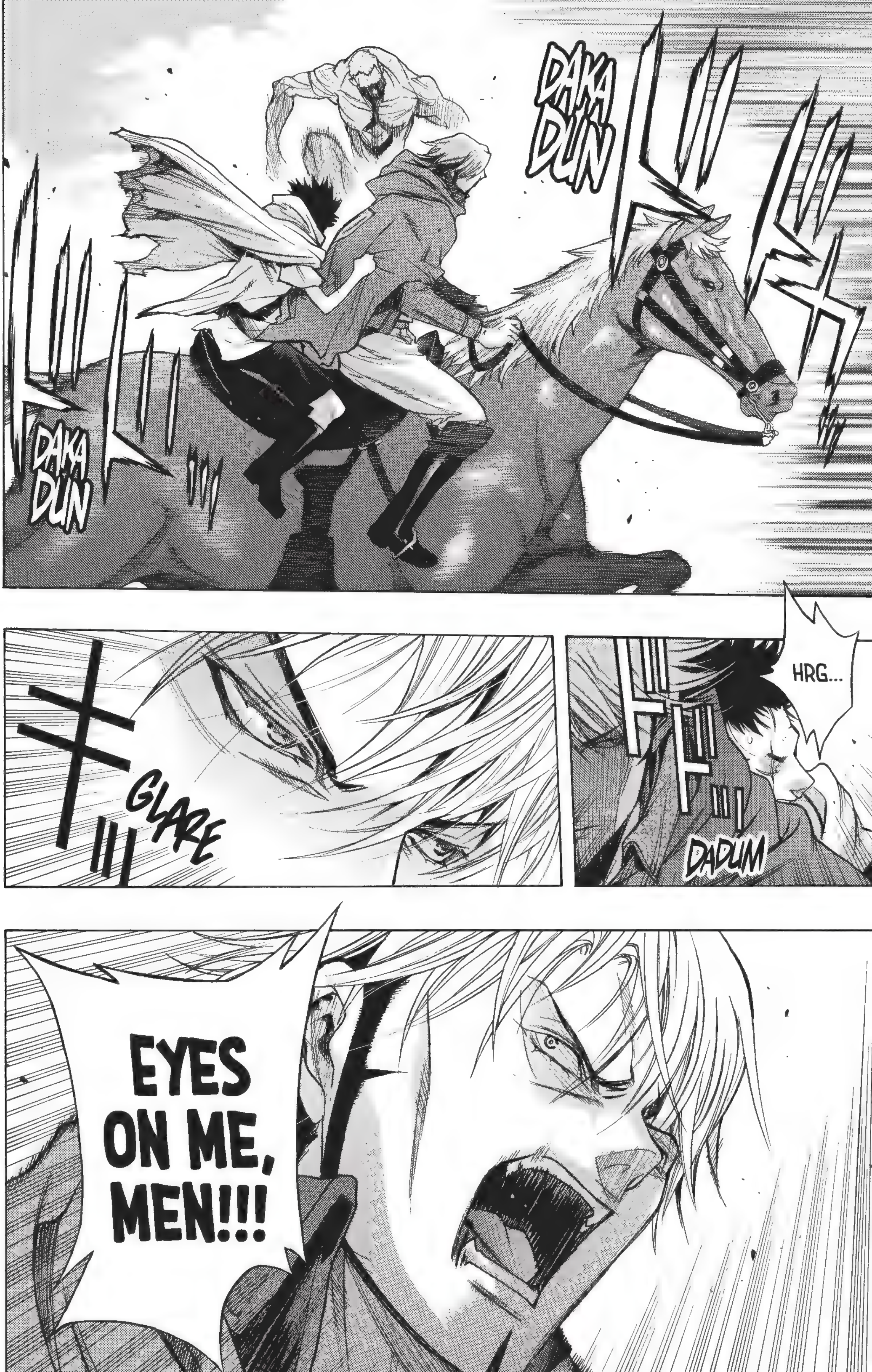


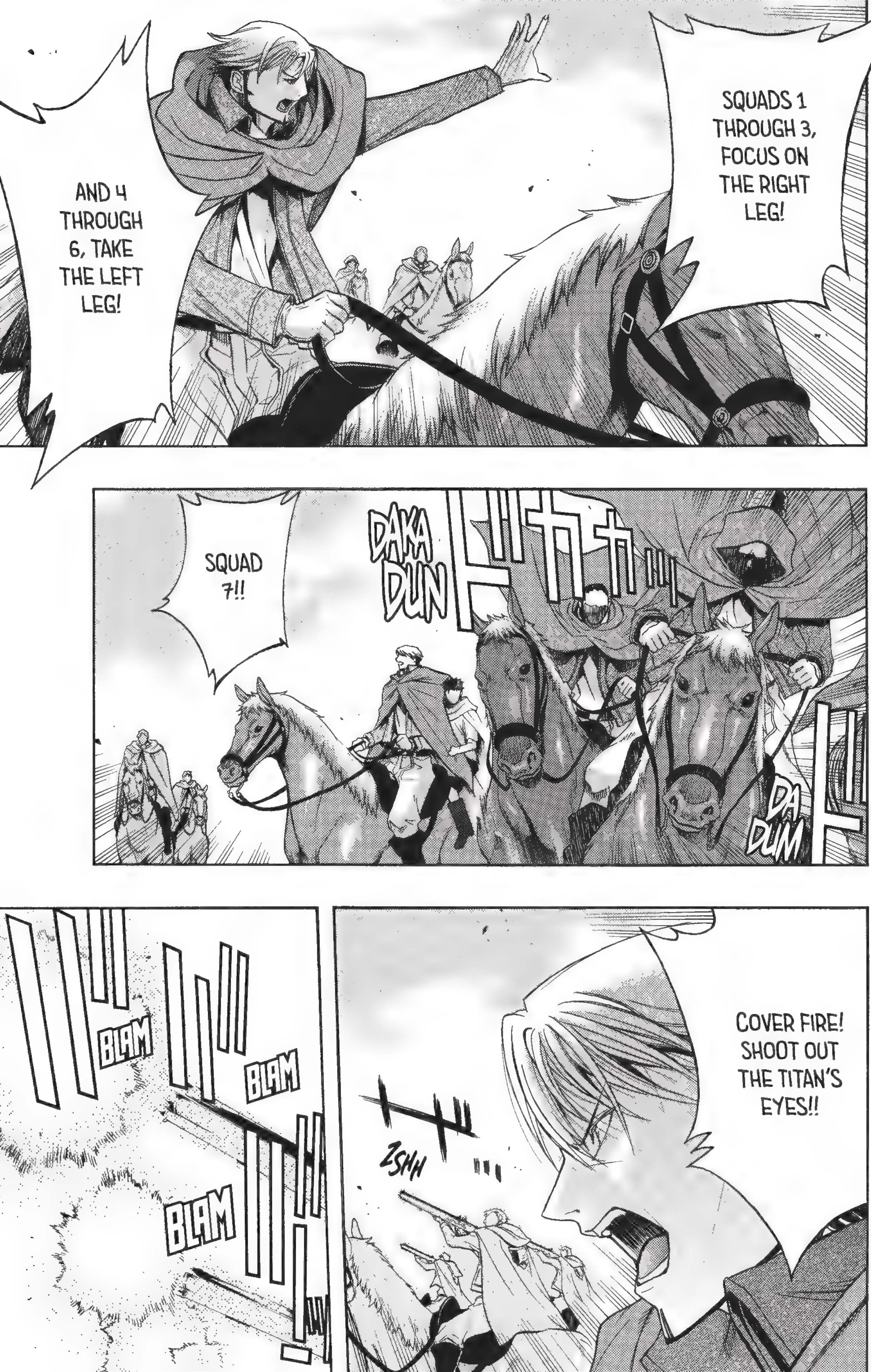


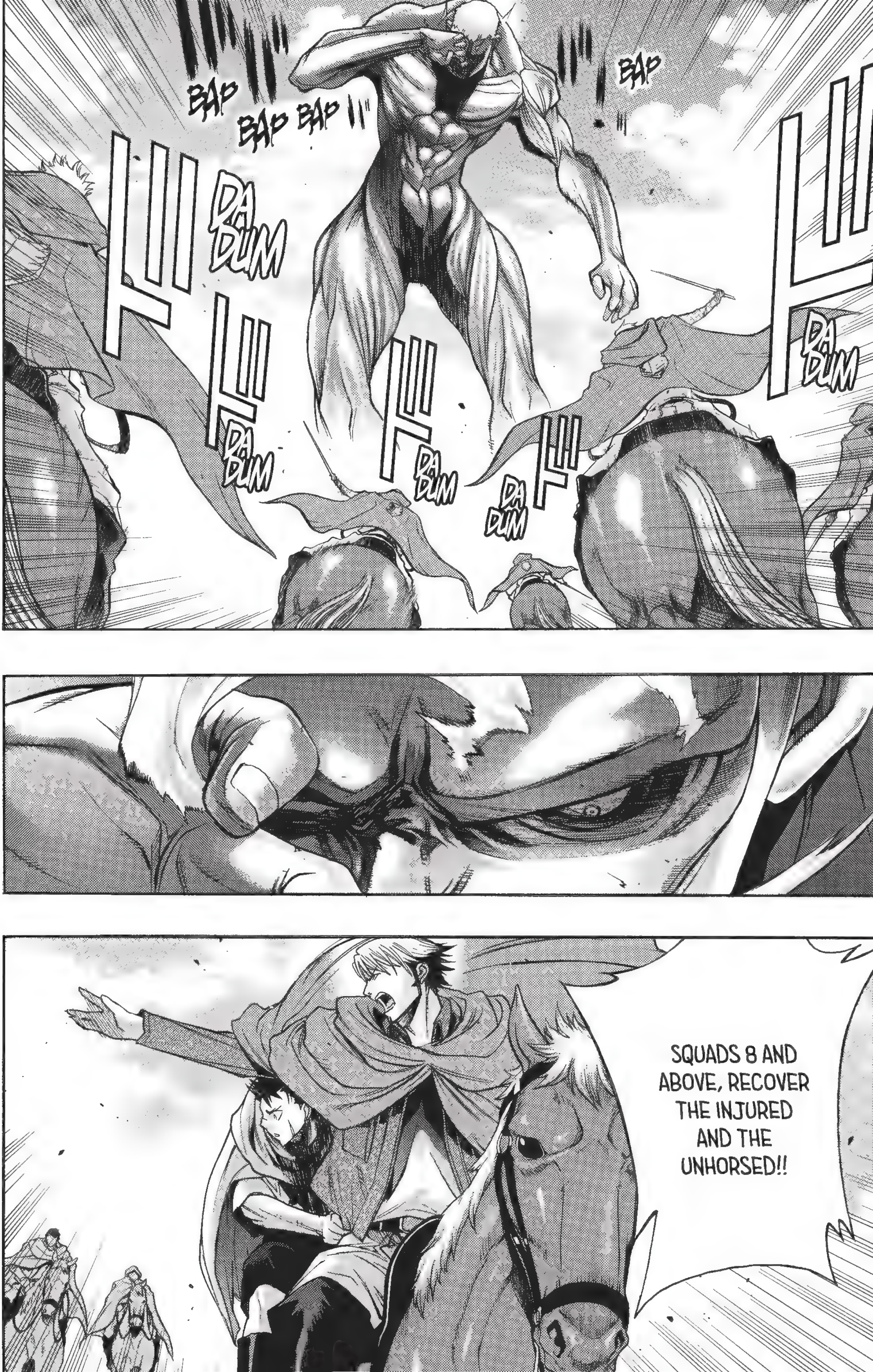


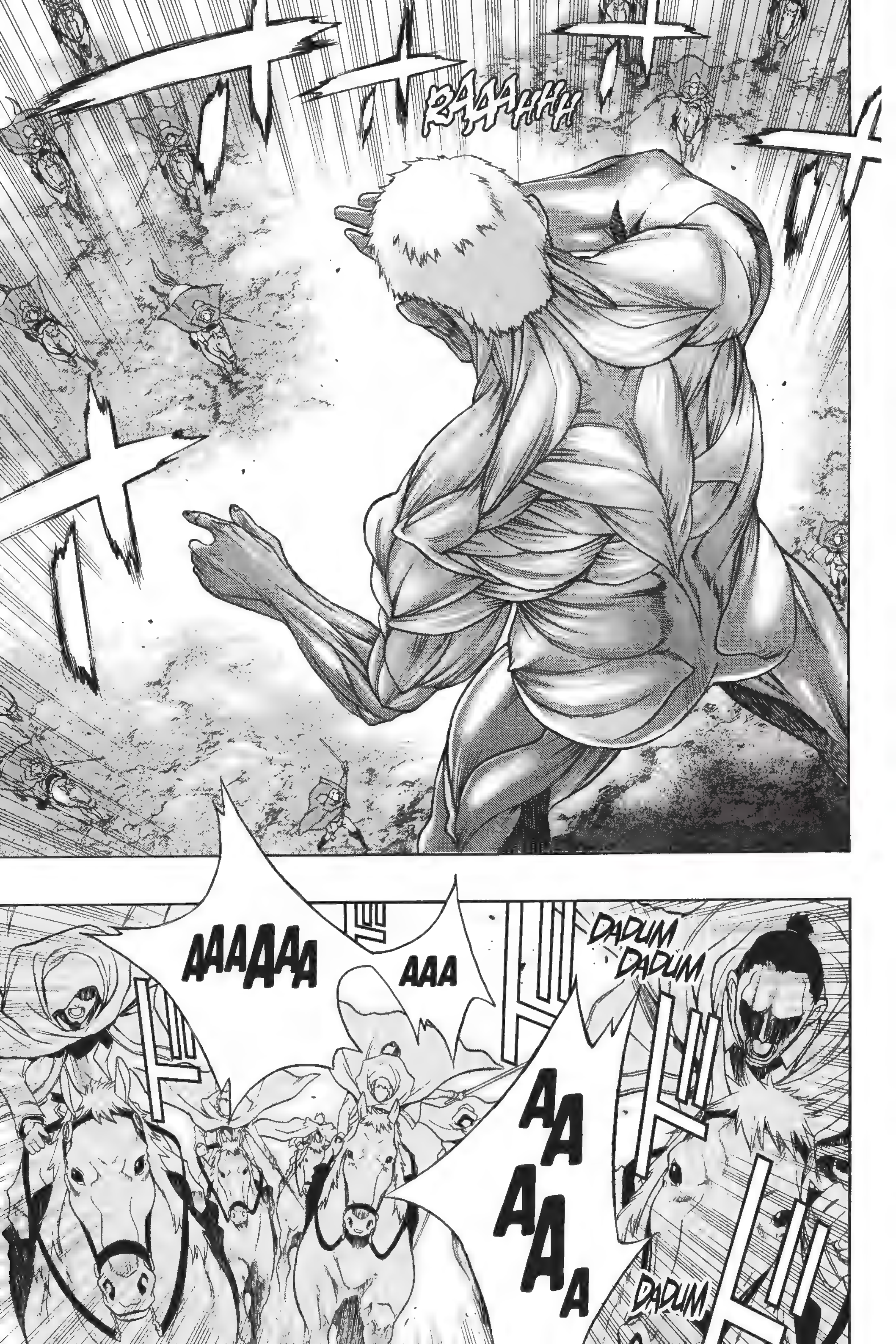


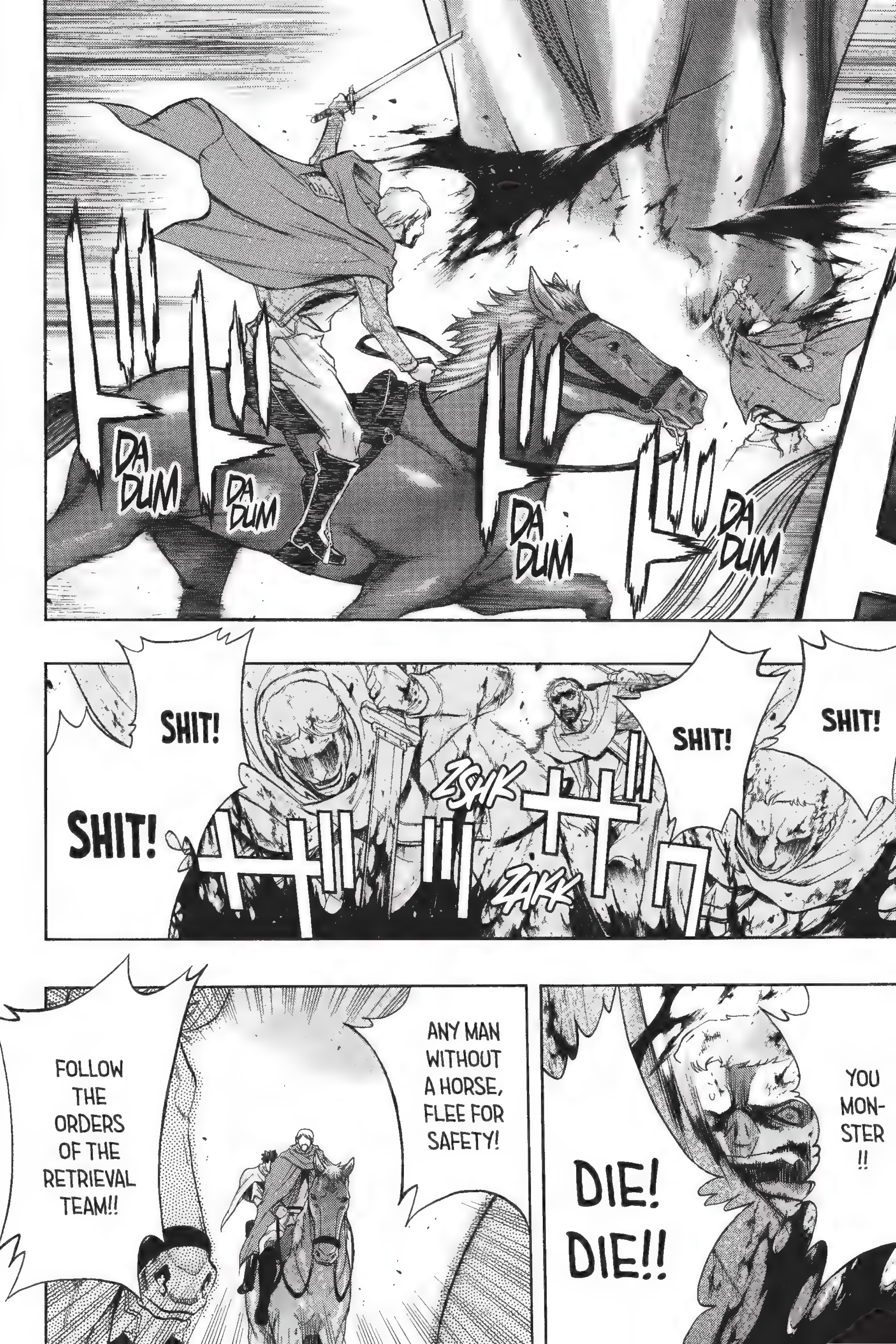

DAKA DUN
...HK!
DAKA DUN

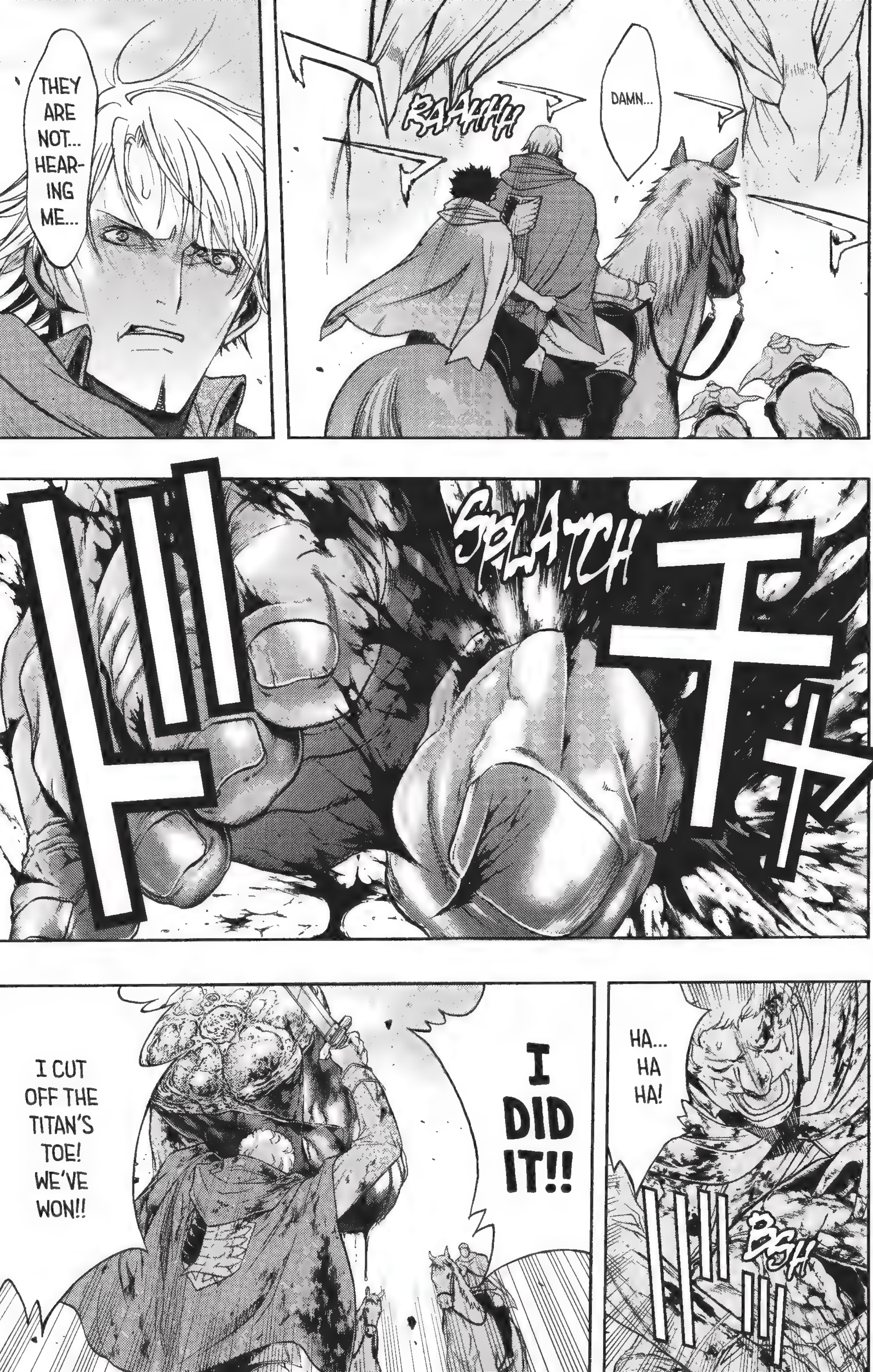

DAKA DUN
DAKA DUN
HRG...
DADUM
GLARE
EYES ON ME, MEN!!!

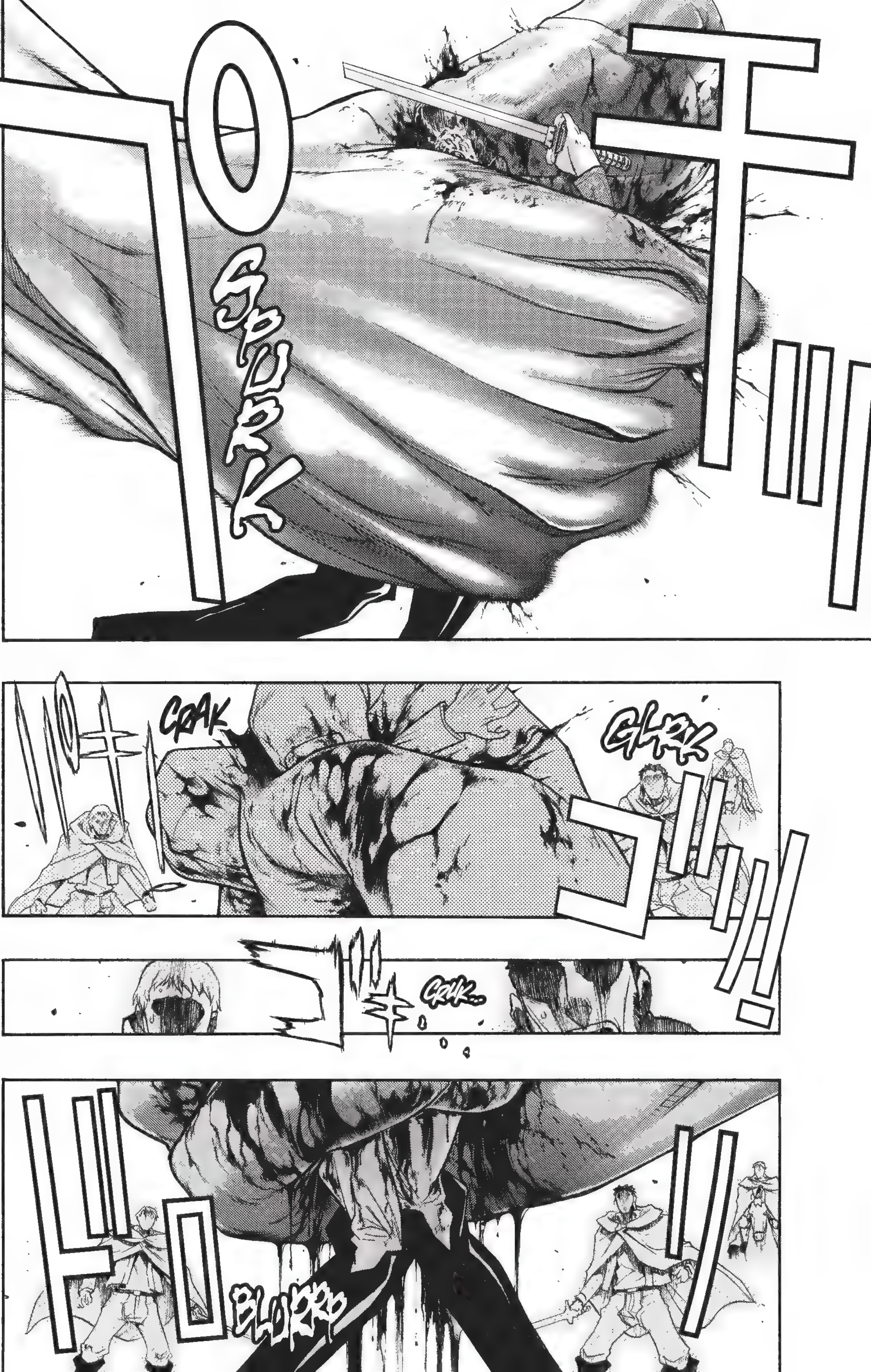

SQUADS 1 THROUGH 3, FOCUS ON THE RIGHT LEG!
AND 4 THROUGH 6, TAKE THE LEFT LEG!
DA DUM
DAKA DUN
SQUAD 7!!
COVER FIRE! SHOOT OUT THE TITAN'S EYES!!
ZSHH
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

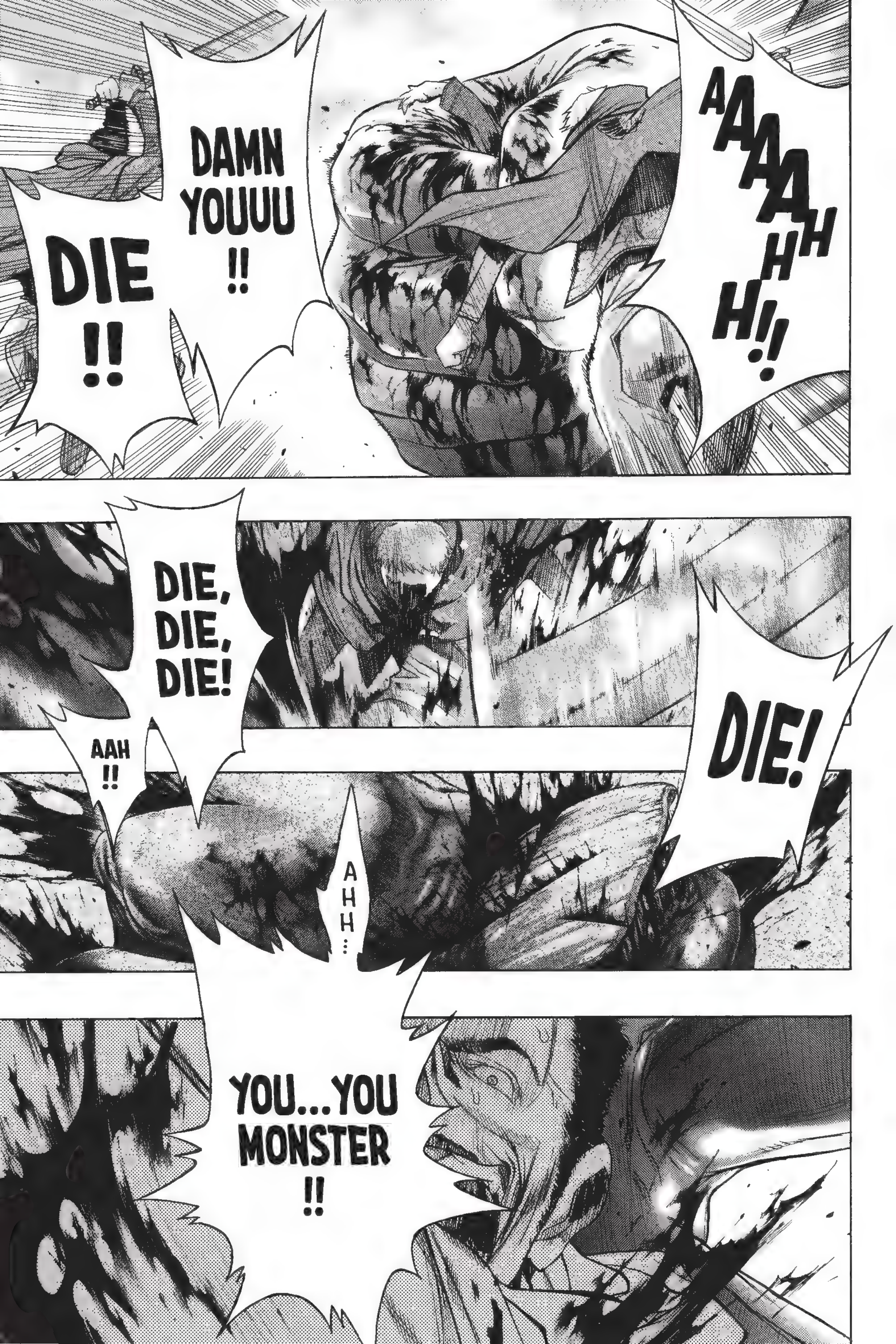

BAP
BAP
BAP BAP
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
SQUADS 8 AND ABOVE, RECOVER THE INJURED AND THE UNHORSED!!

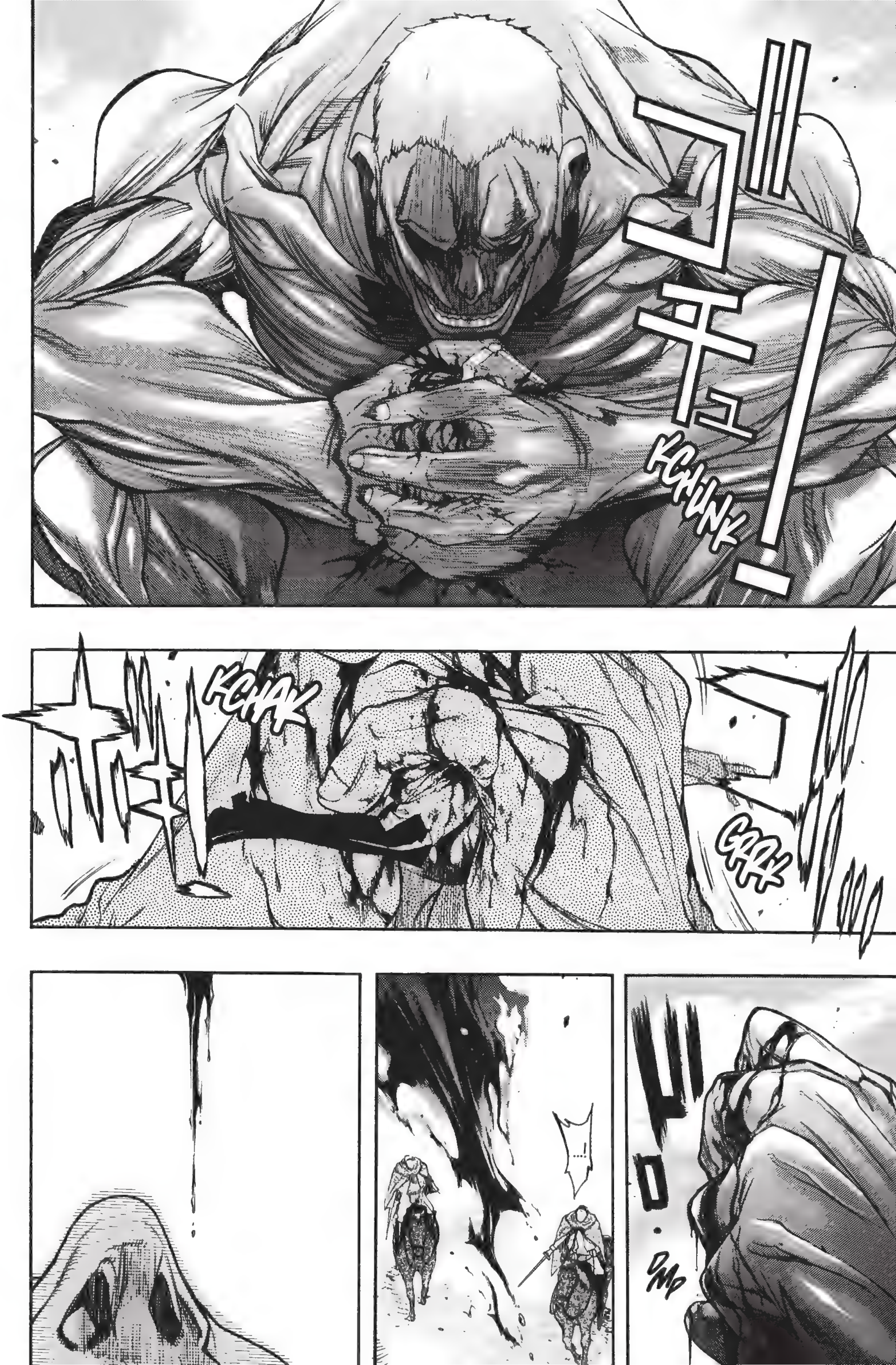

RAAAHHH
DADUM DADUM
AAAAAA
DADUM
AAA
AAAAAA


DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
SHIT!
SHIT!
ZSHK
ZAKK
SHIT!
SHIT!
YOU MONSTER!!
DIE! DIE!!
ANY MAN WITHOUT A HORSE, FLEE FOR SAFETY!
FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF THE RETRIEVAL TEAM!!


THEY ARE NOT... HEARING ME...
RAAHH
DAMN...
SPLATCH
ドッ
ヂャ
I CUT OFF THE TITAN'S TOE! WE'VE WON!!
I DID IT!!
HA... HA HA!
BSH


SPURK
GLRK
ゴリッ!!
CRAK
パキ
CRUK...
ゴキ
ドロッ
BLURRP


AAAAAHHH!!
DAMN YOUUU!!
DIE!!
DIE!
DIE, DIE, DIE!
AAH!!
AHH...
YOU...YOU MONSTER!!


ゴキュー！
KCHUNK
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GRRK
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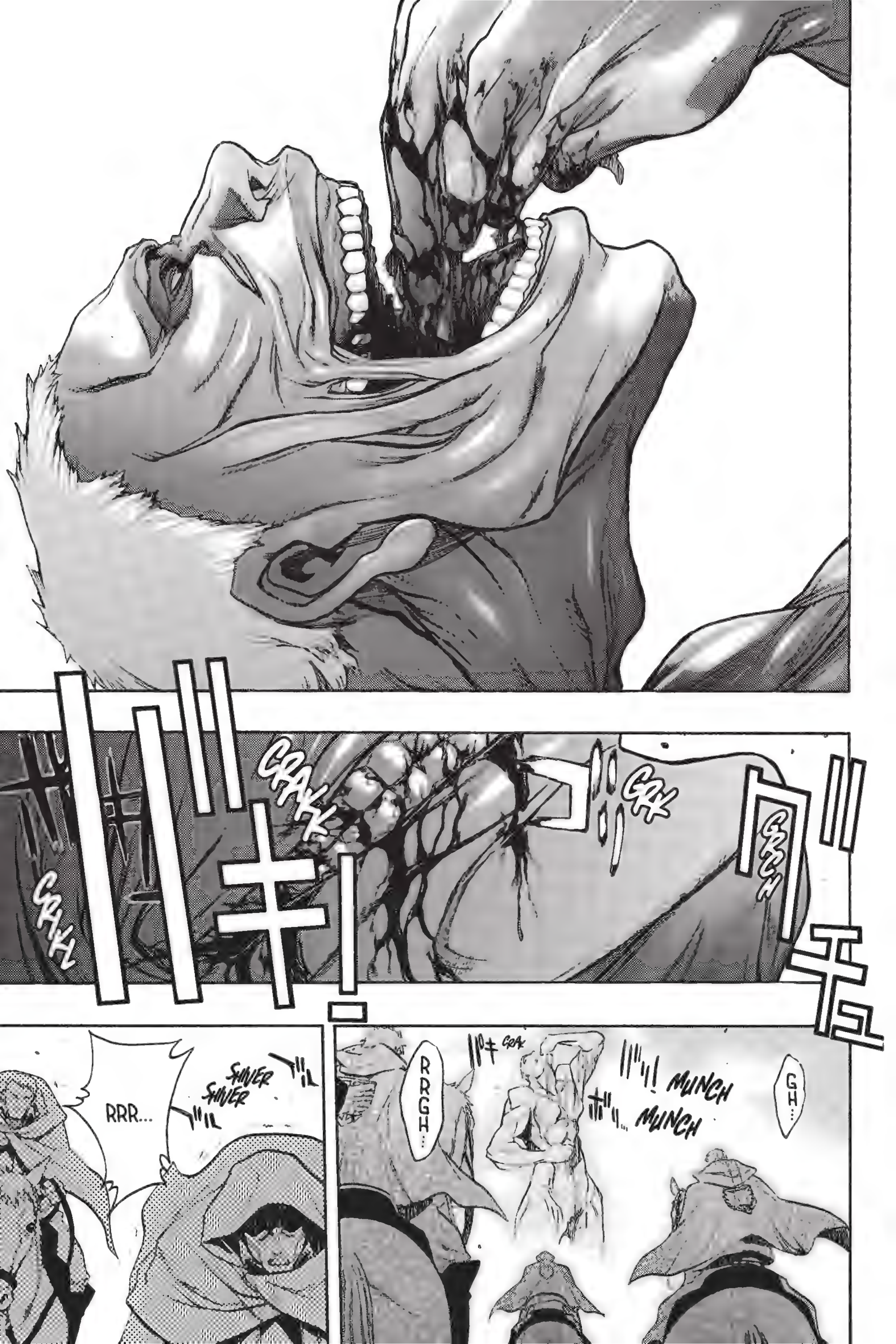
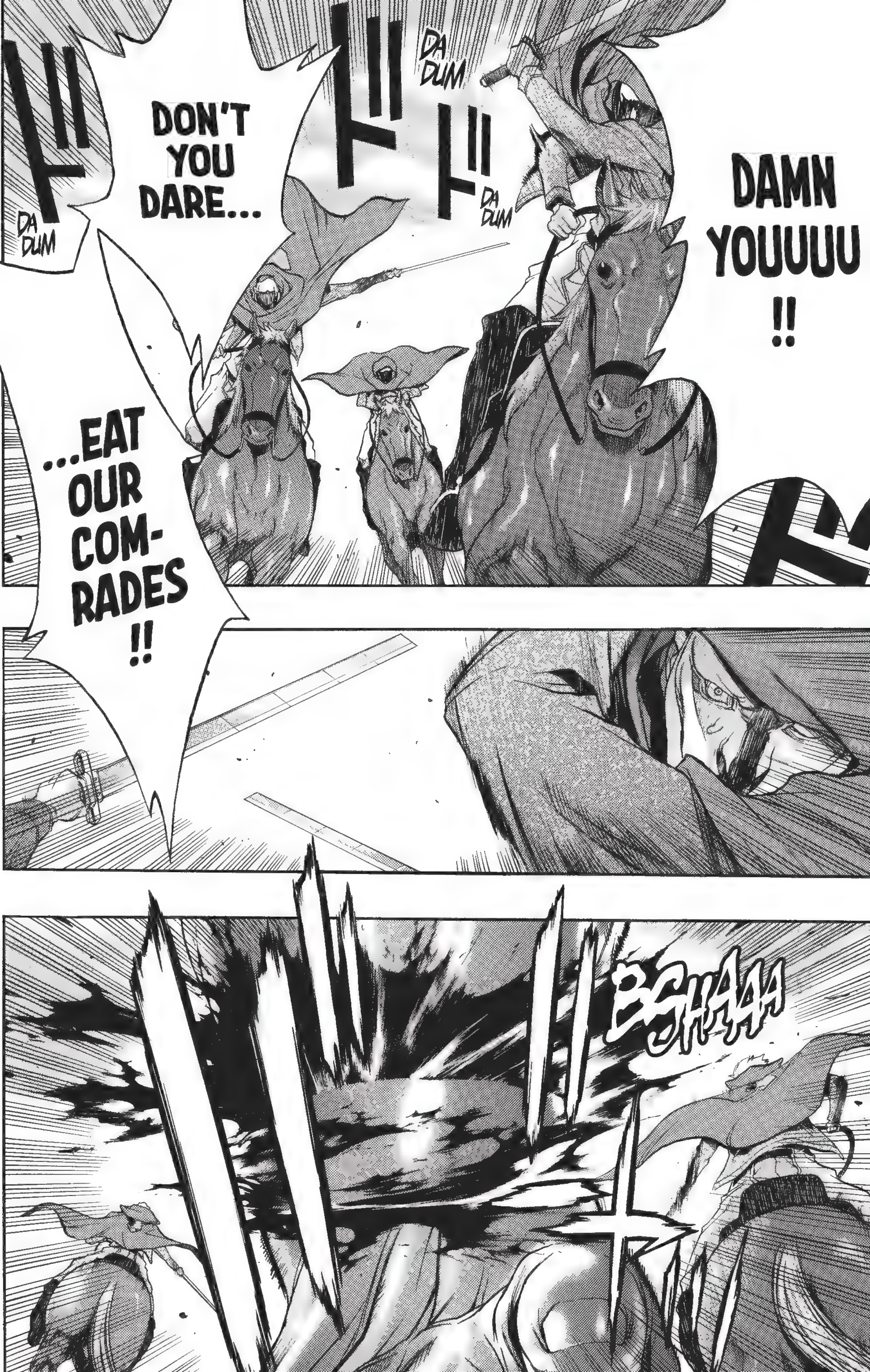
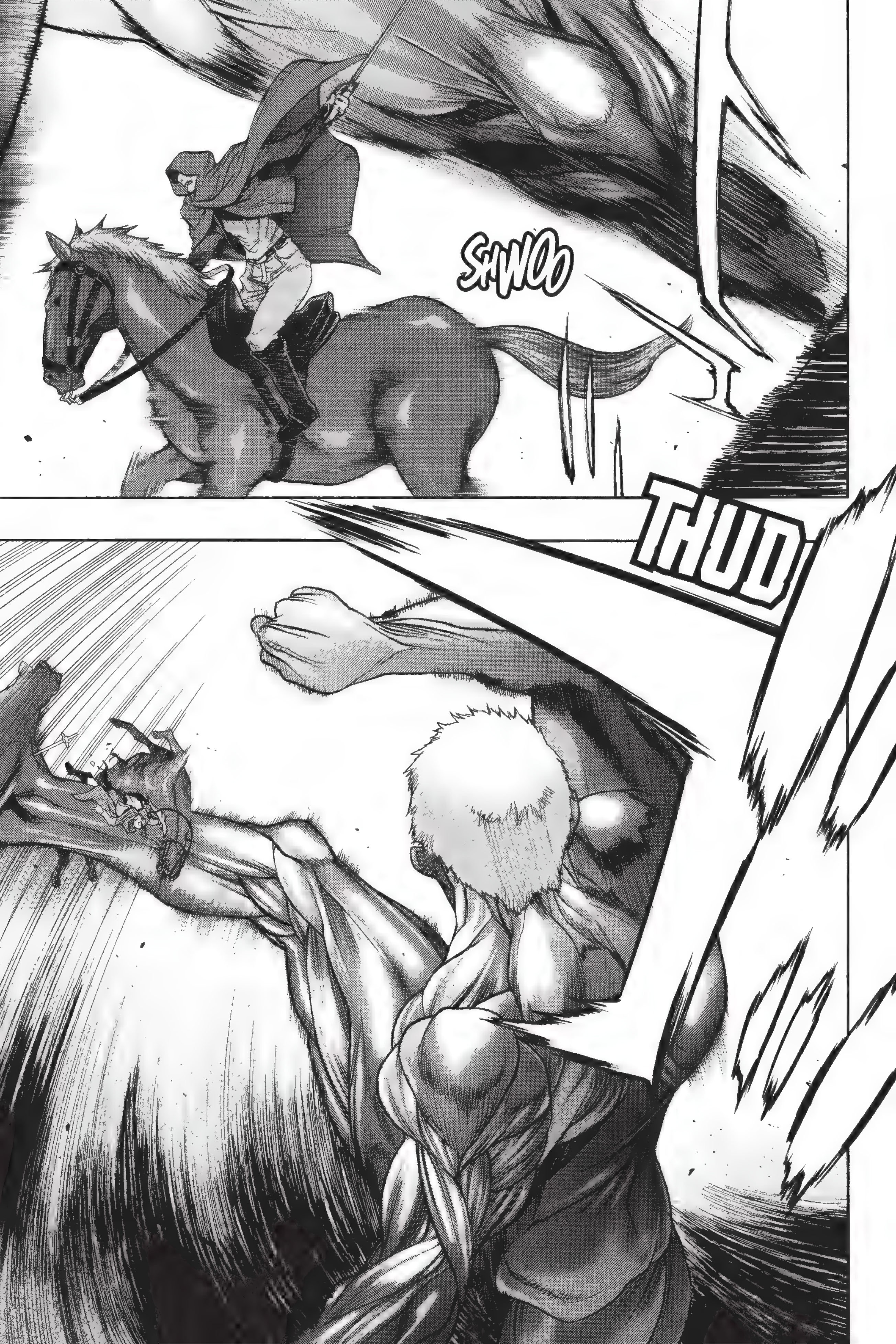
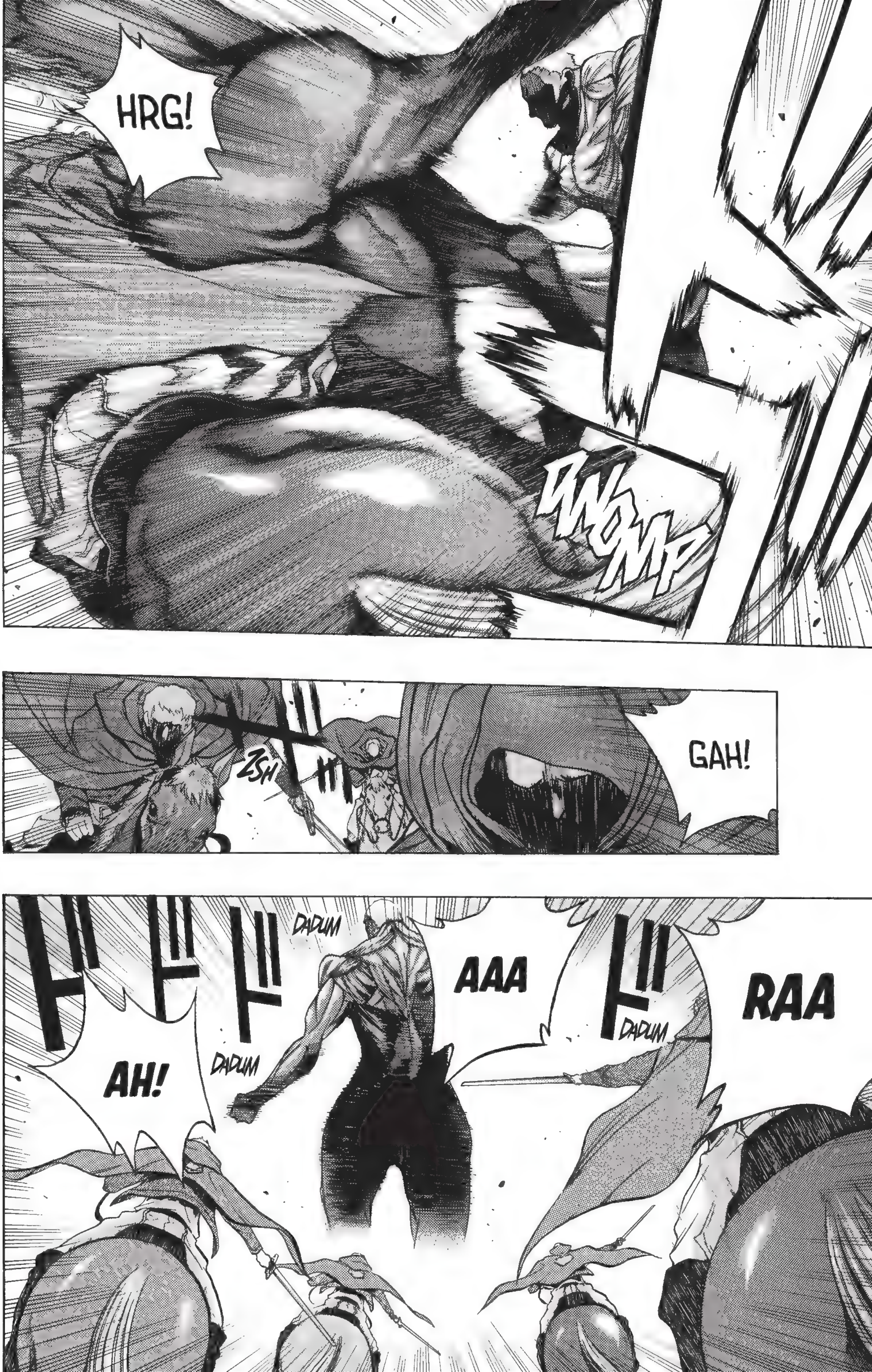
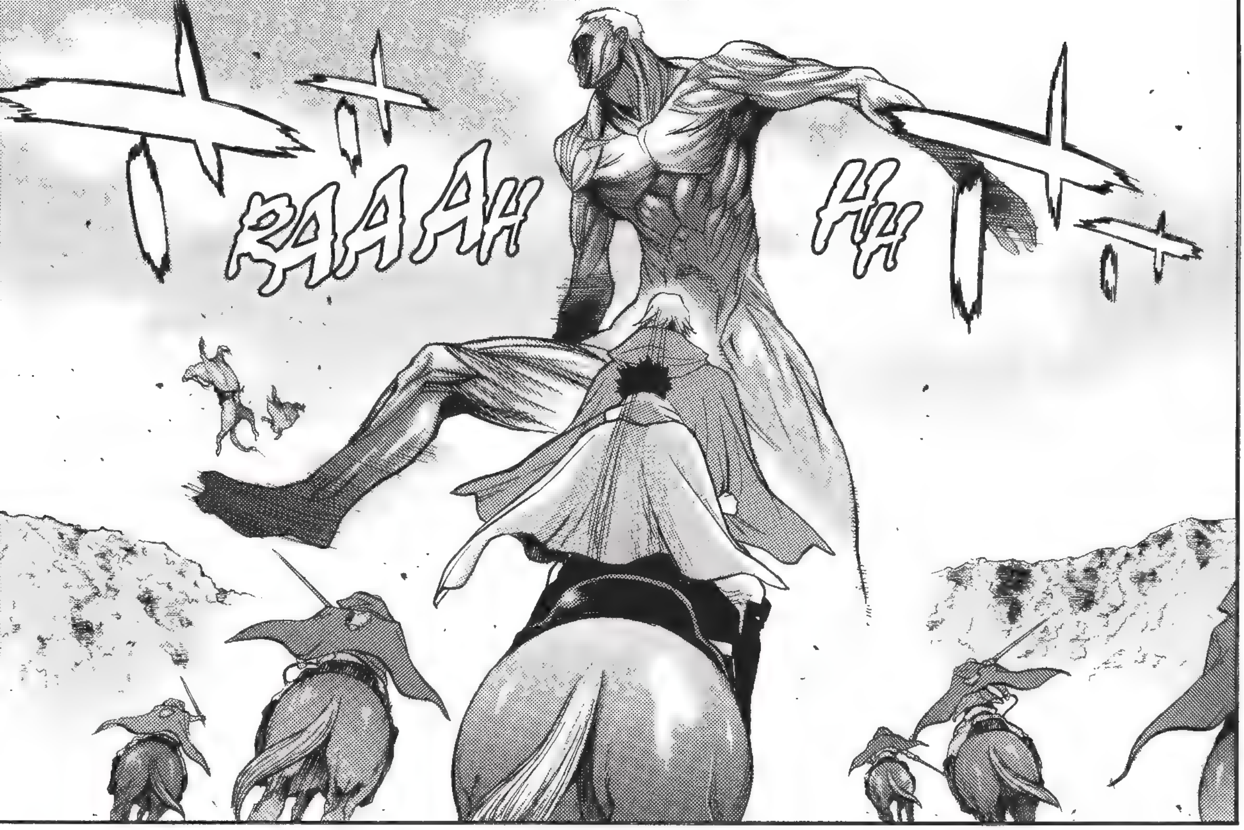
KCHAK
…!
ド
DMP

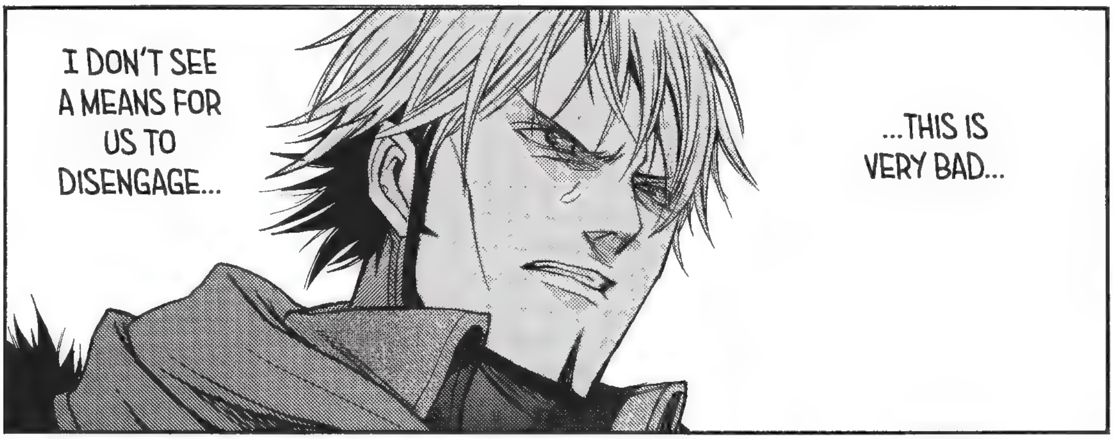

ゴキュ
GRCH
ゴリ
GRK
バキ!
CRAKK
CRAKL
GH...
バリ! MUNCH
ボリ... MUNCH
GRA
RRGH...
SHIVER
SHIVER
RRR...

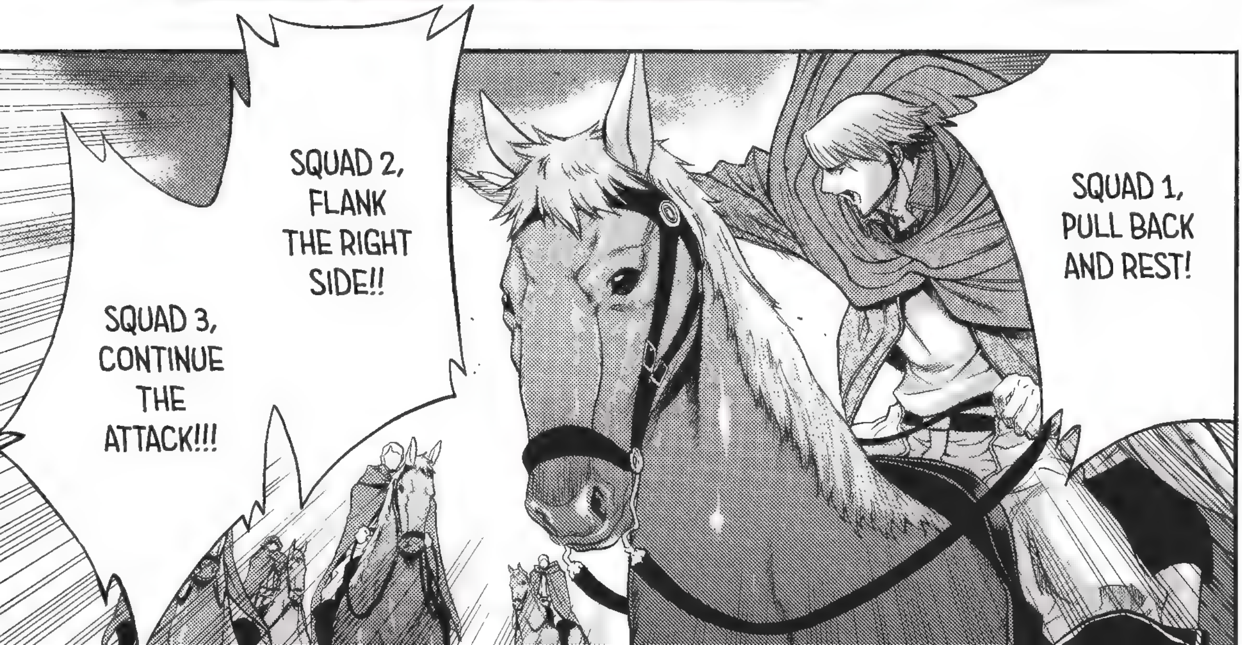

DAMN YOUUUU !!
DA DUM
DA DUM
DON'T YOU DARE...
DA DUM
...EAT OUR COMRADES !!
BSHAAA

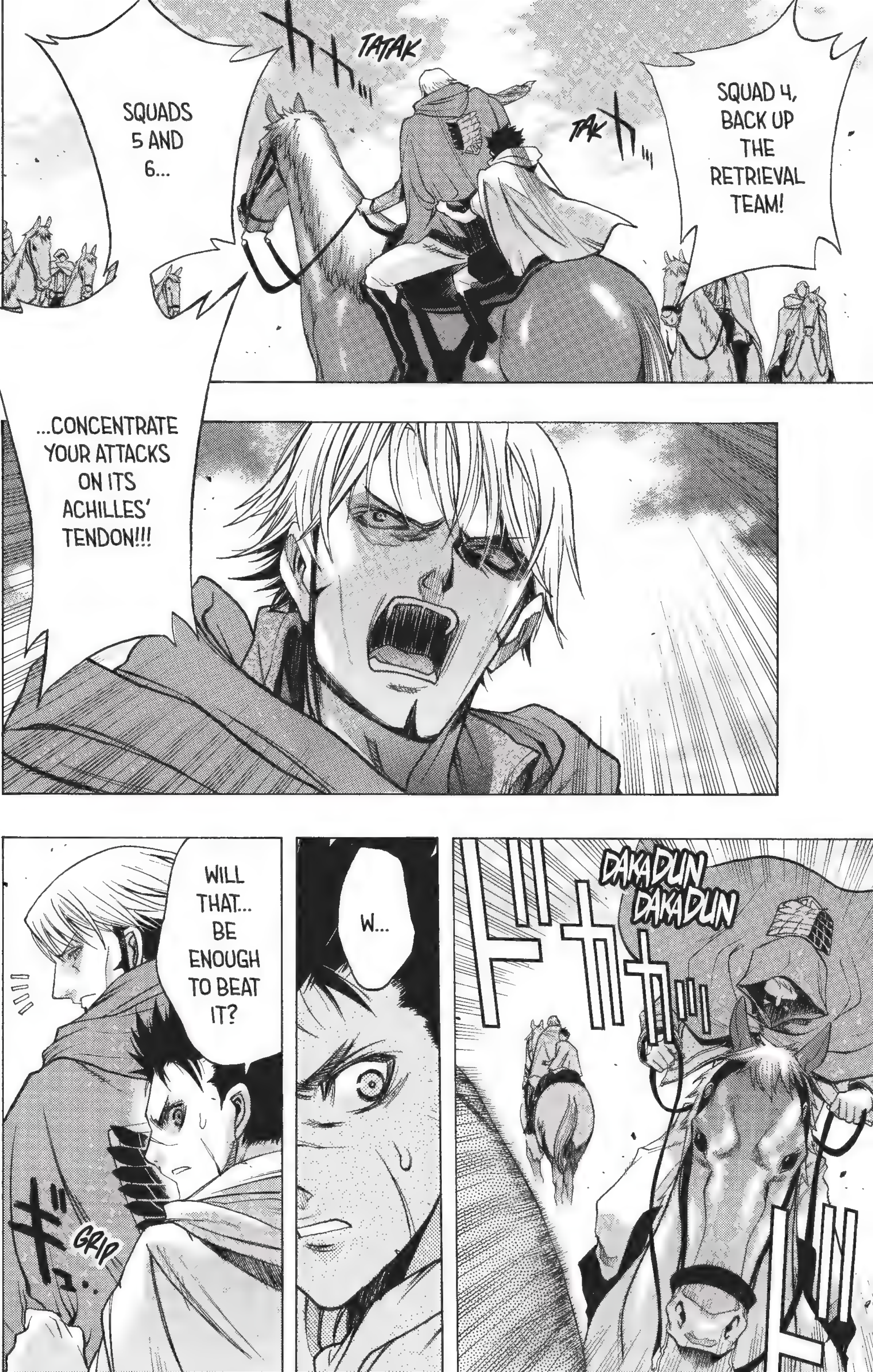

SHWOO
THUD

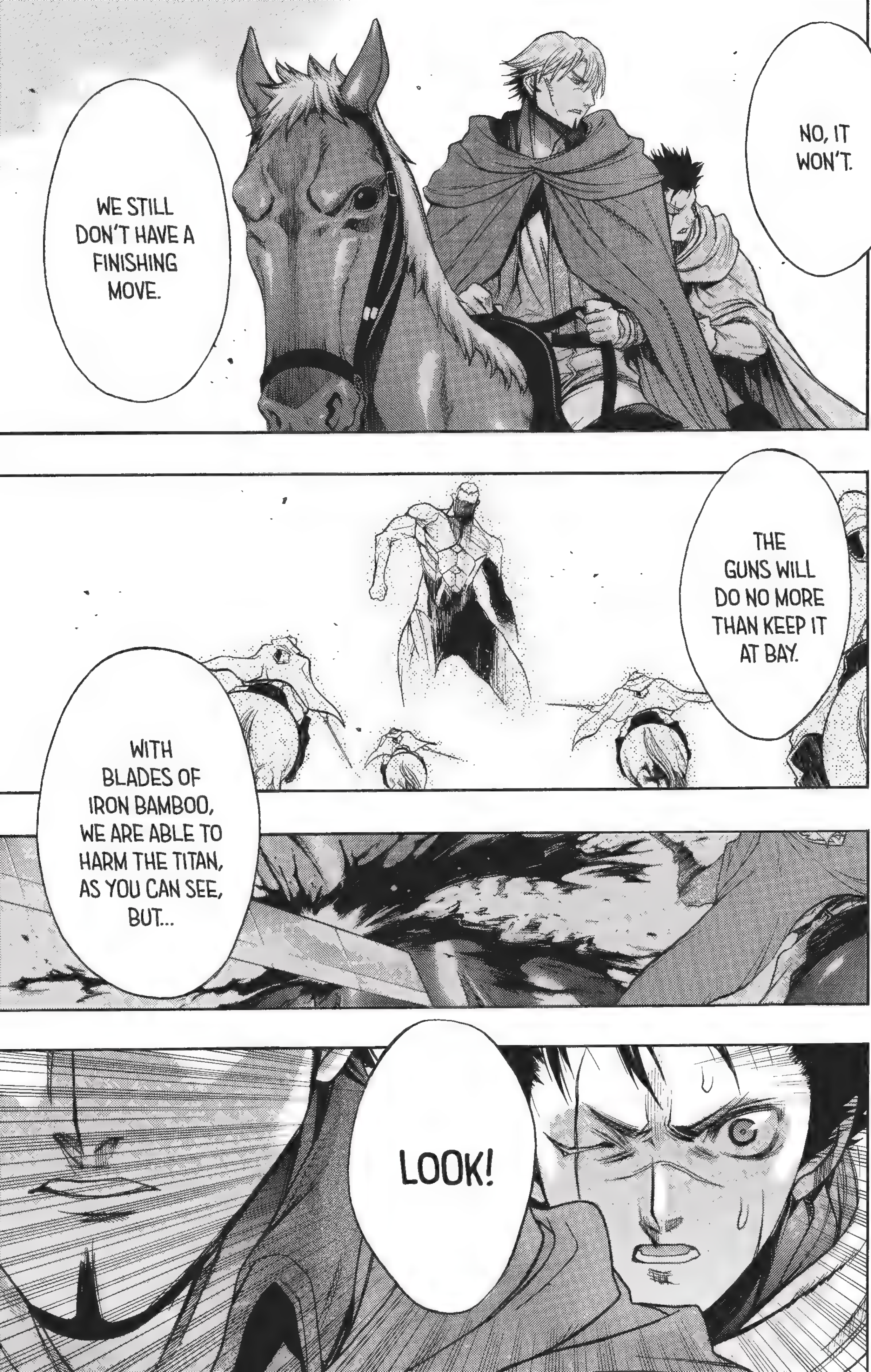

HRG!
DNOMP
GAH!
ZSH
RAA
ドド
DADUM
AAA
ドドド
DADUM
DADUM
AH!

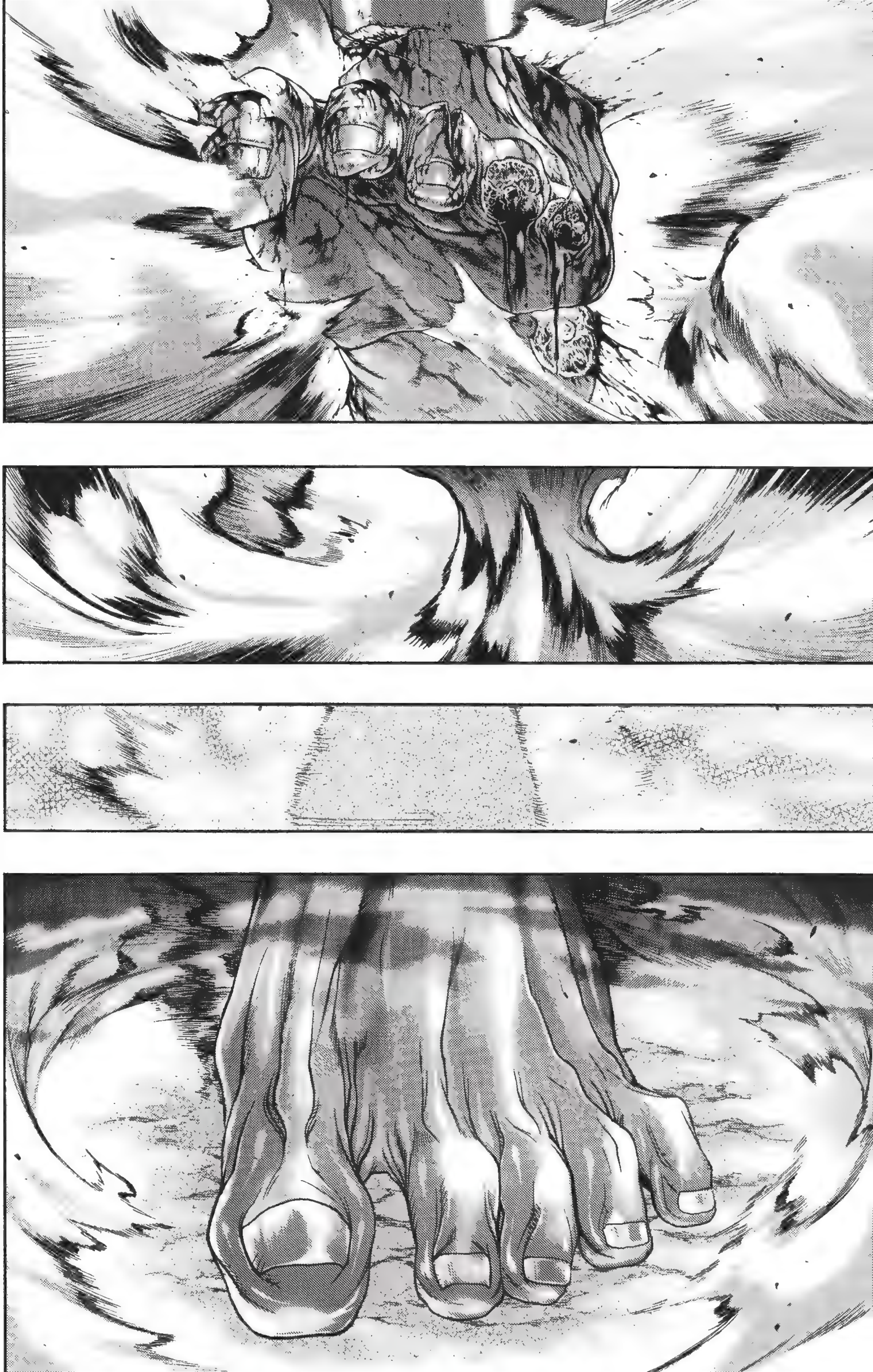

RAAAAHHH

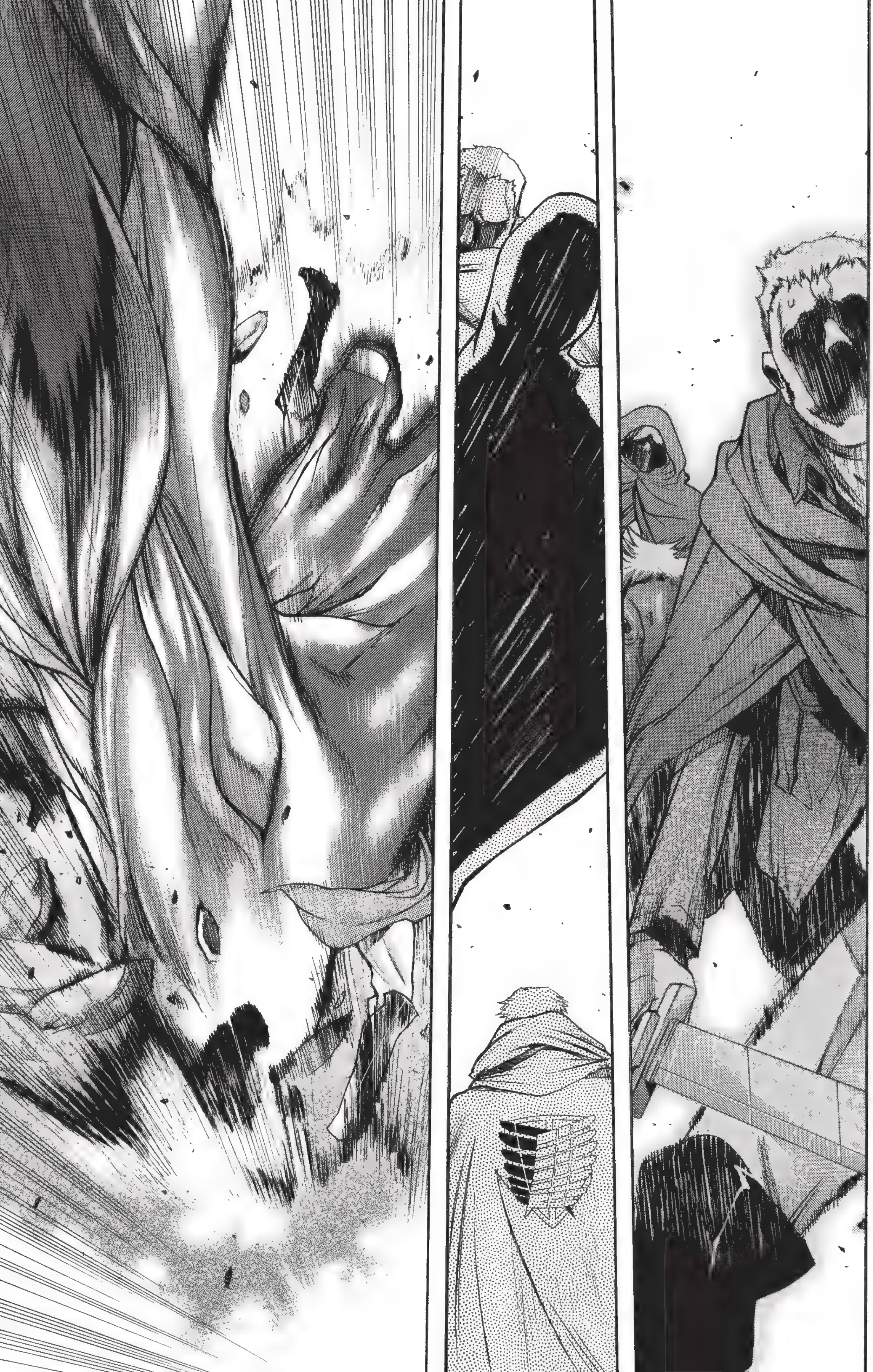

...THIS IS VERY BAD...
I DON'T SEE A MEANS FOR US TO DISENGAGE...

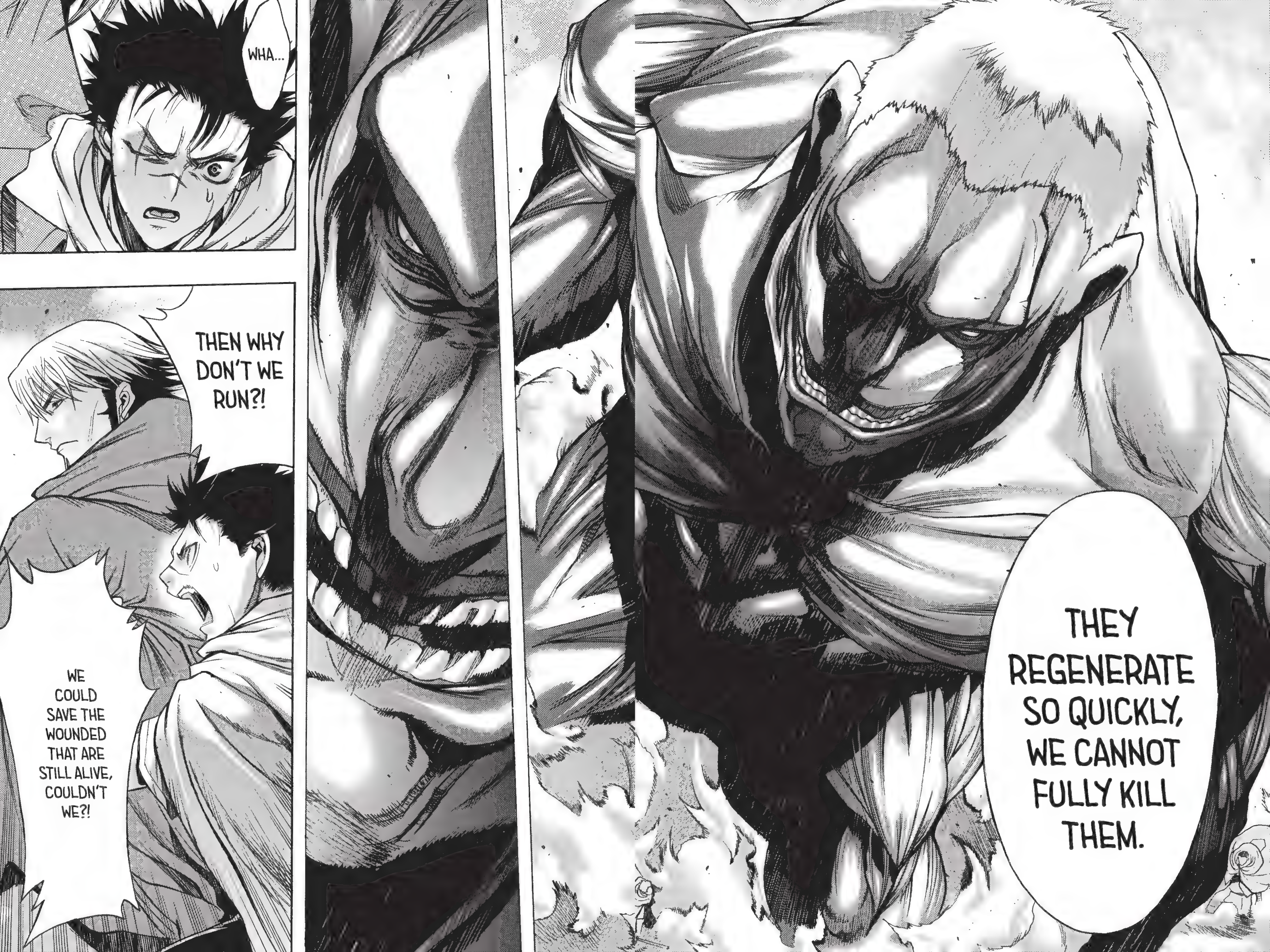

SQUAD 1, PULL BACK AND REST!
SQUAD 2, FLANK THE RIGHT SIDE!!
SQUAD 3, CONTINUE THE ATTACK!!!

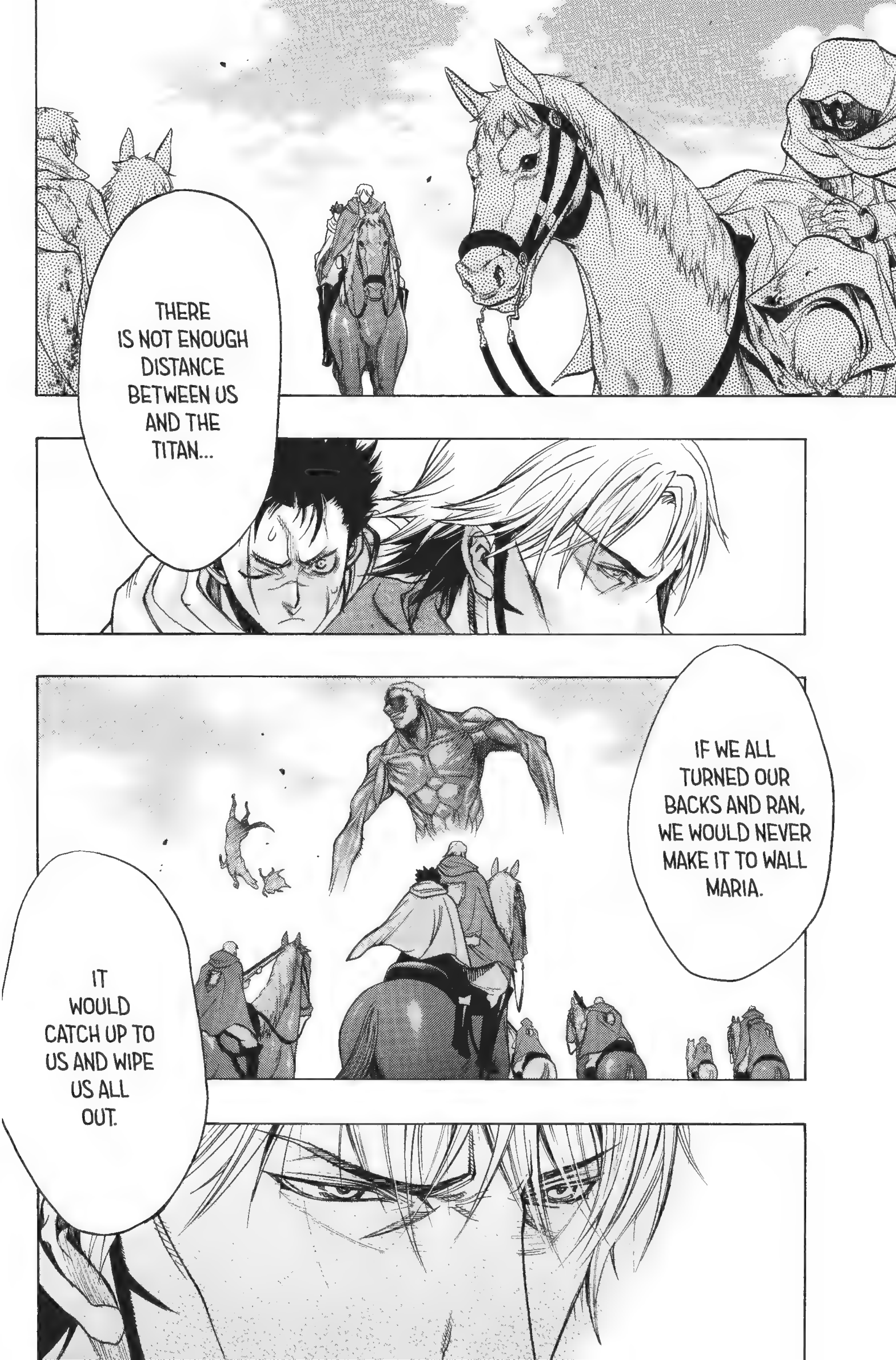

TATAK
TAK
SQUAD 4, BACK UP THE RETRIEVAL TEAM!
SQUADS 5 AND 6...
...CONCENTRATE YOUR ATTACKS ON ITS ACHILLES' TENDON!!!
DAKADUN DAKADUN
W...
WILL THAT... BE ENOUGH TO BEAT IT?
GRIP

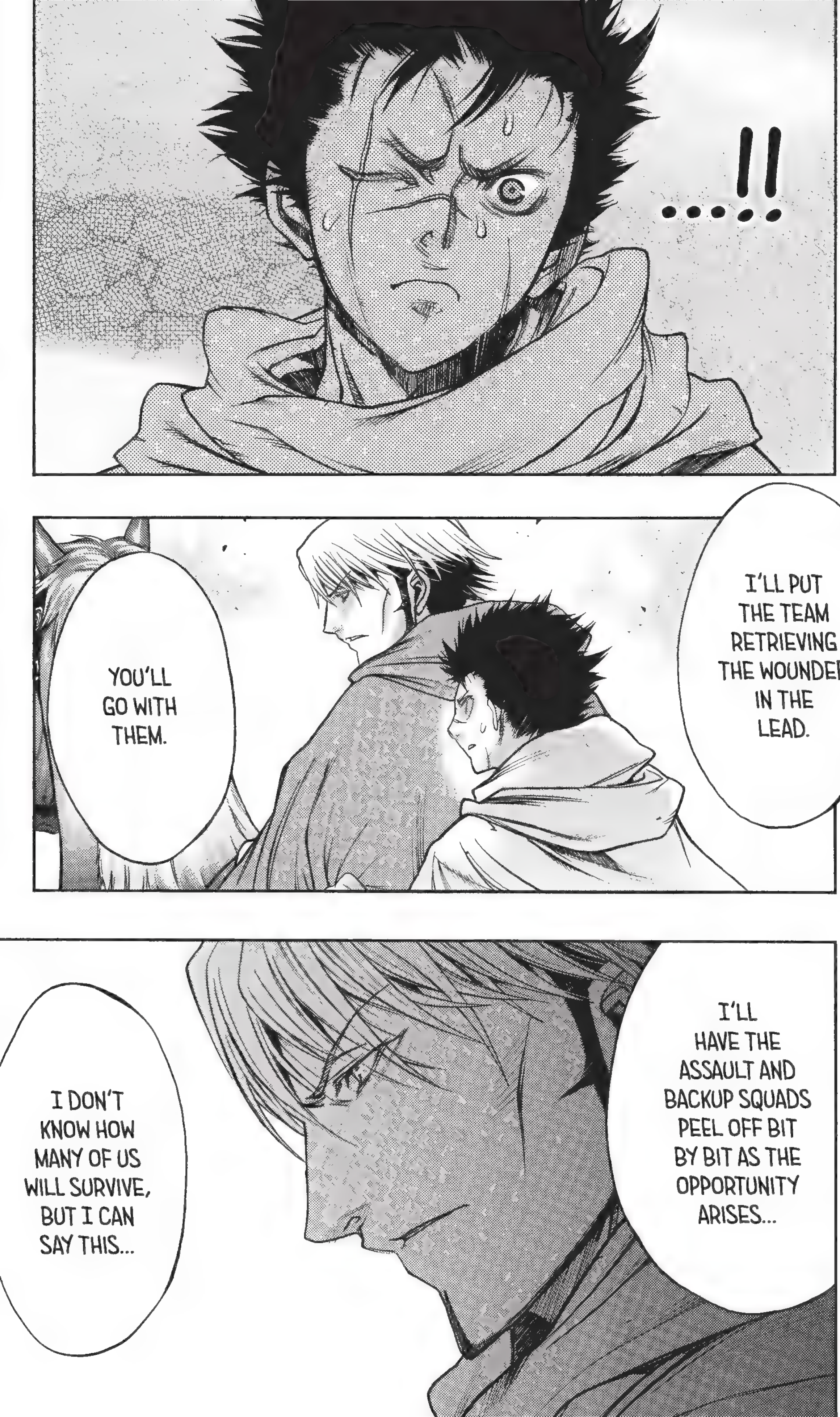

NO, IT WON'T.
WE STILL DON'T HAVE A FINISHING MOVE.
THE GUNS WILL DO NO MORE THAN KEEP IT AT BAY.
WITH BLADES OF IRON BAMBOO, WE ARE ABLE TO HARM THE TITAN, AS YOU CAN SEE, BUT...
LOOK!

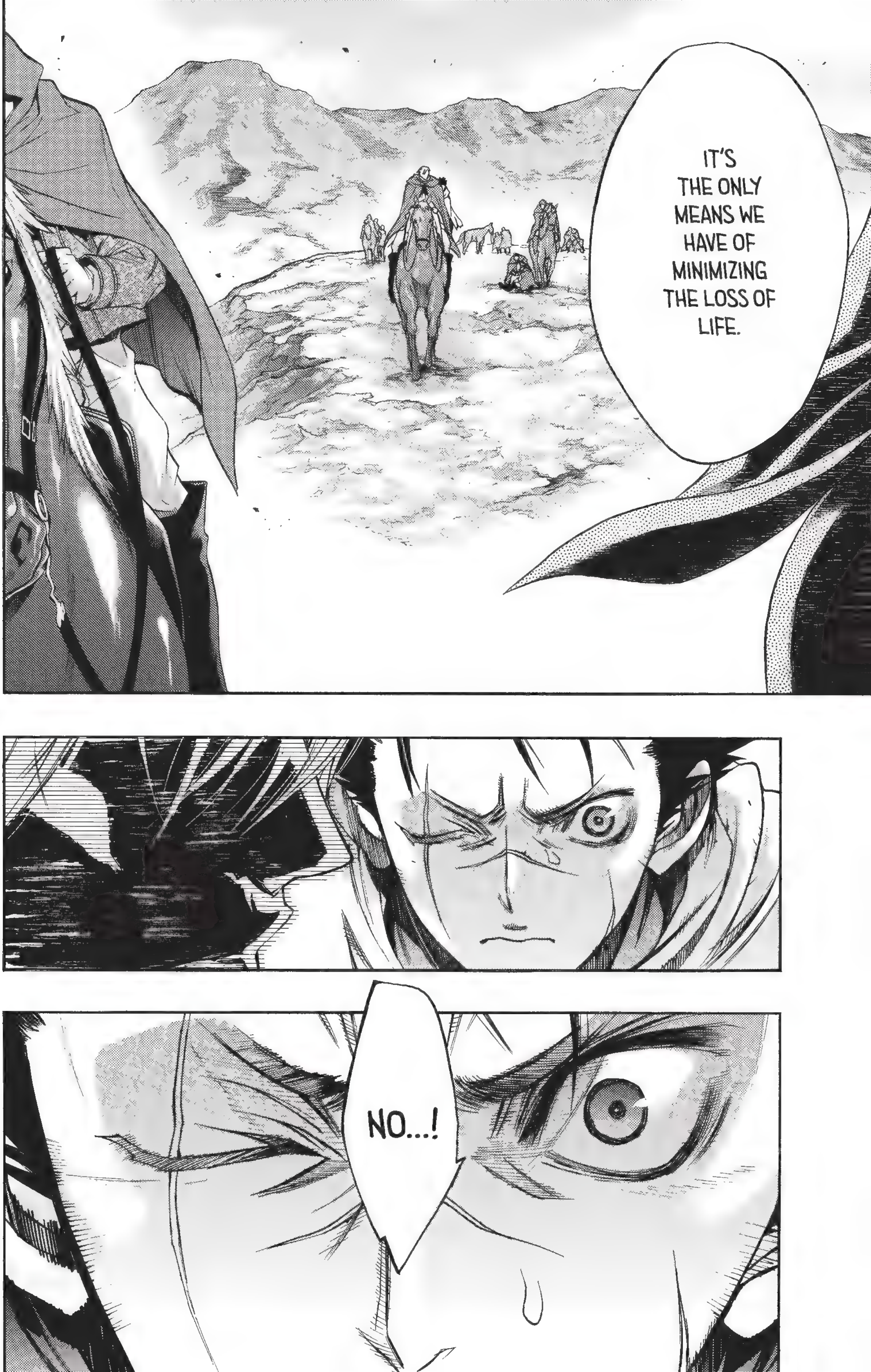


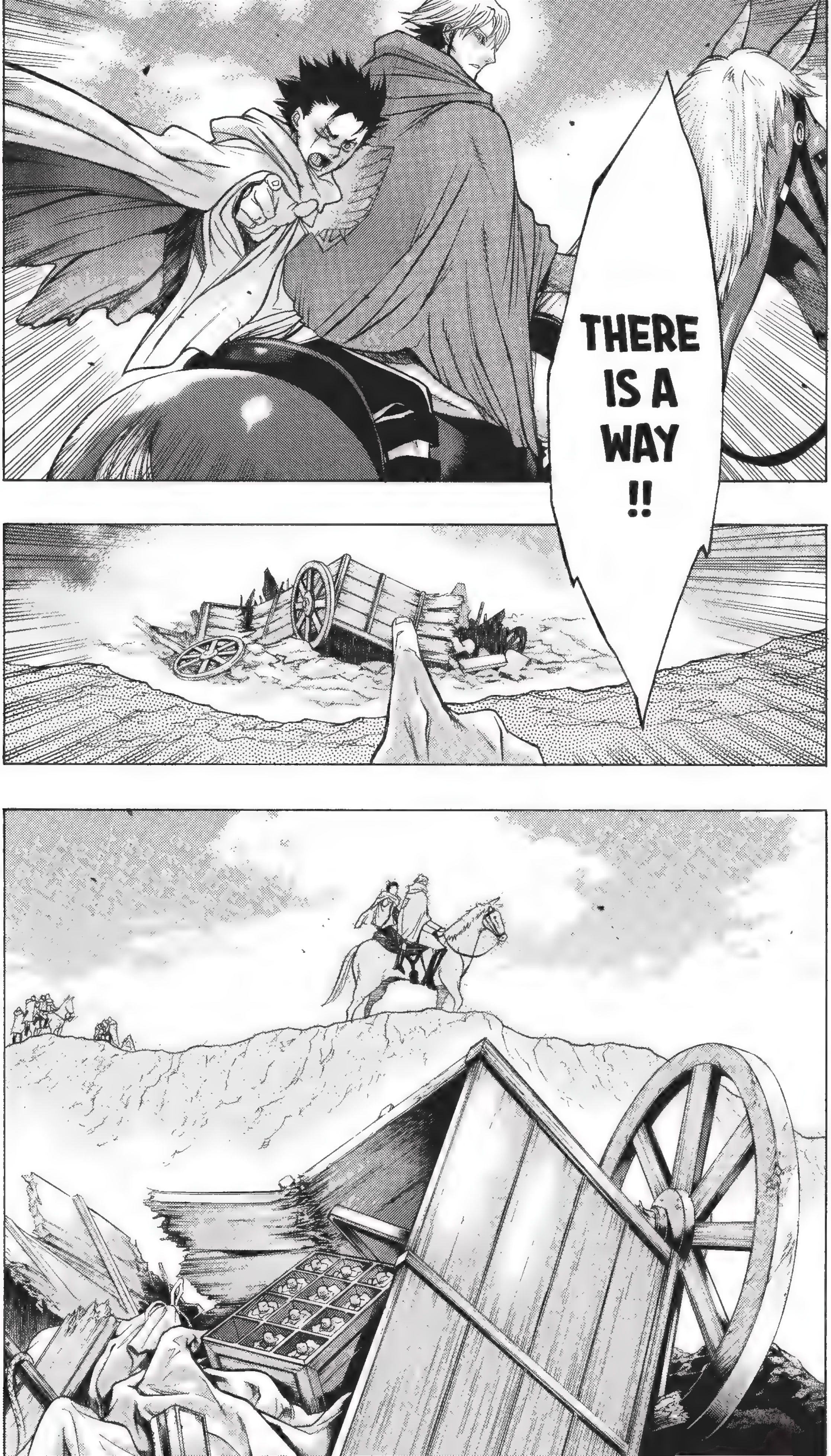


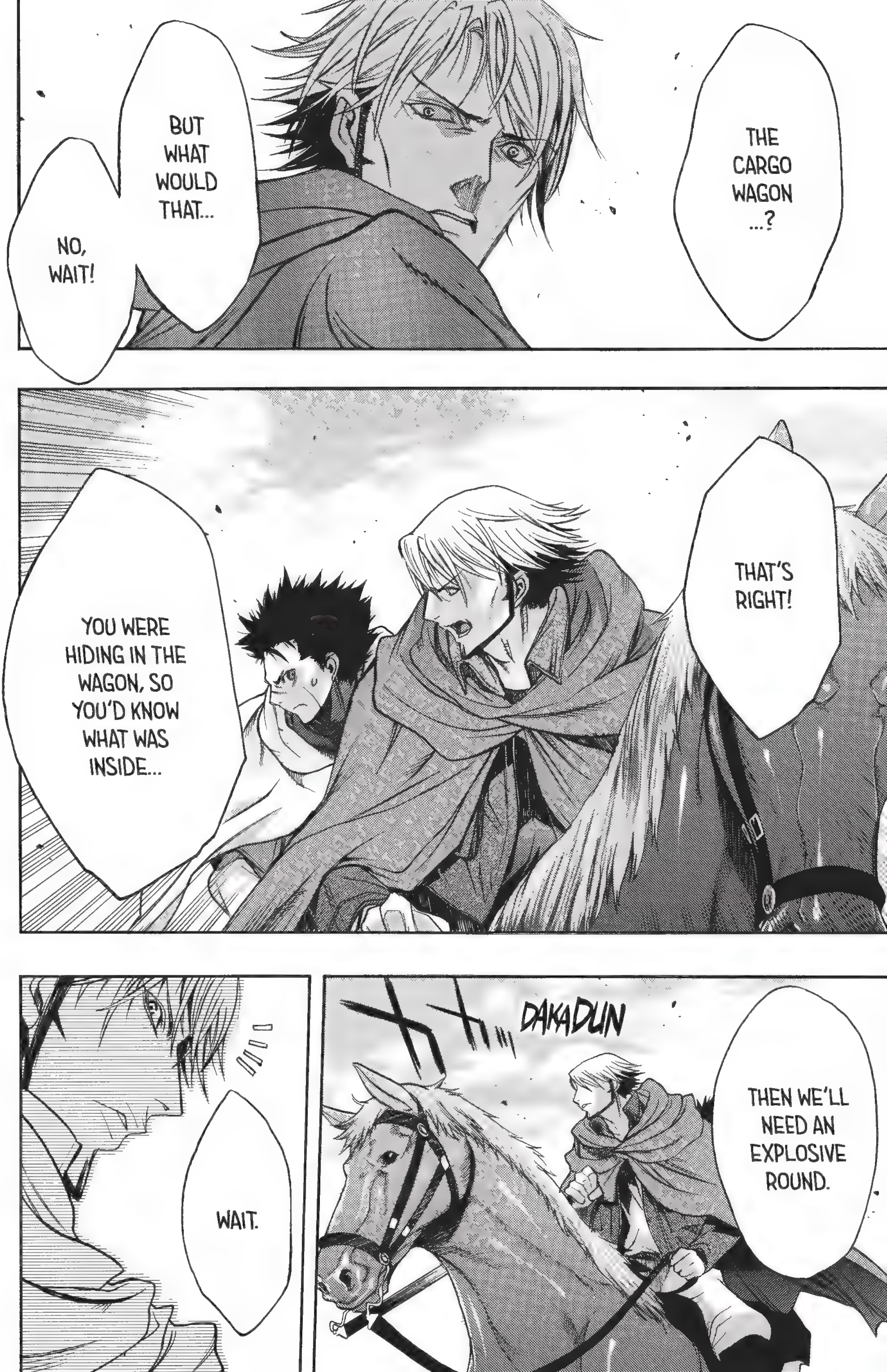

THEY REGENERATE SO QUICKLY, WE CANNOT FULLY KILL THEM.
WHA...
THEN WHY DON'T WE RUN?!
WE COULD SAVE THE WOUNDED THAT ARE STILL ALIVE, COULDN'T WE?!

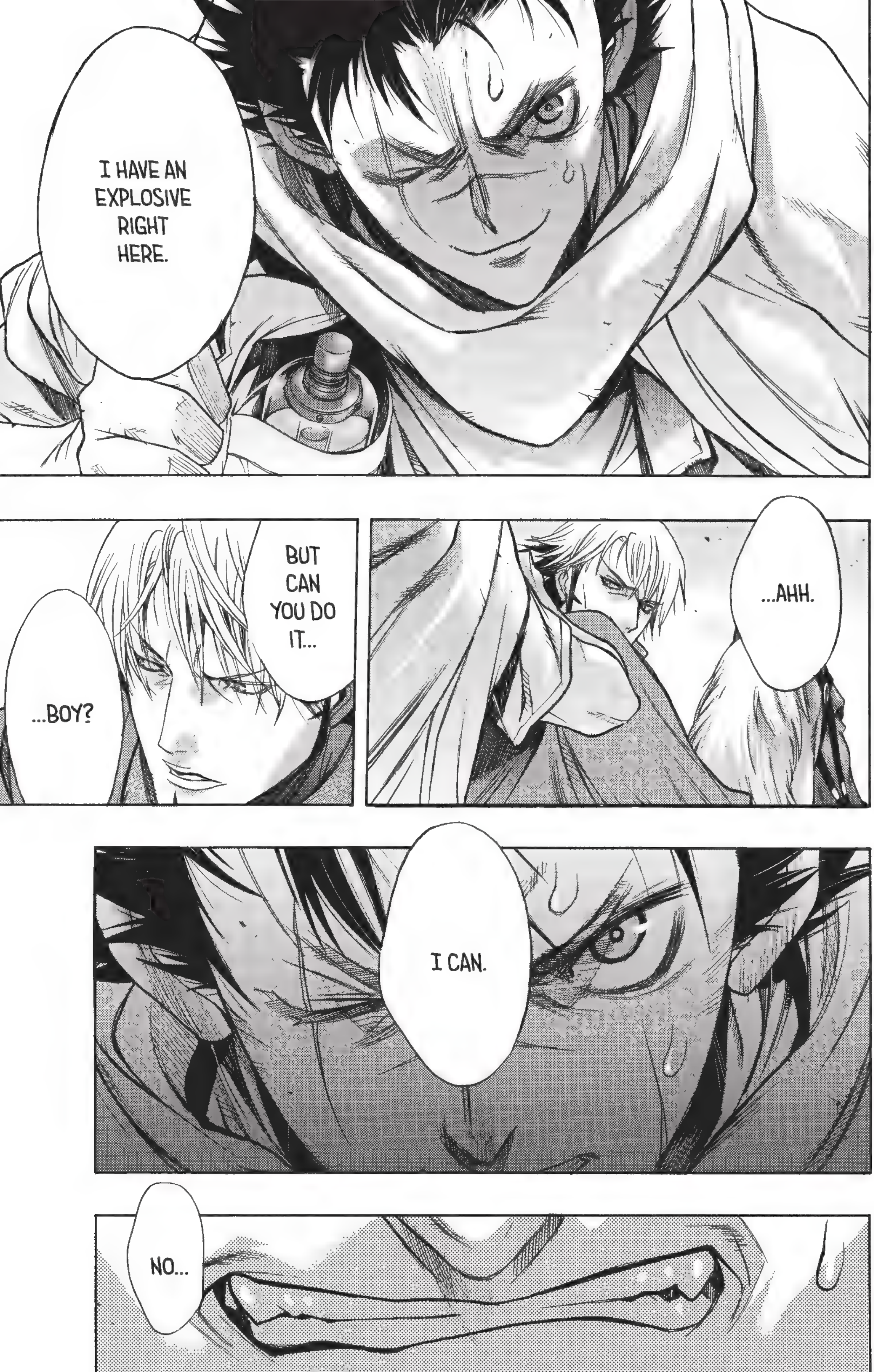

THERE IS NOT ENOUGH DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND THE TITAN...
IF WE ALL TURNED OUR BACKS AND RAN, WE WOULD NEVER MAKE IT TO WALL MARIA.
IT WOULD CATCH UP TO US AND WIPE US ALL OUT.

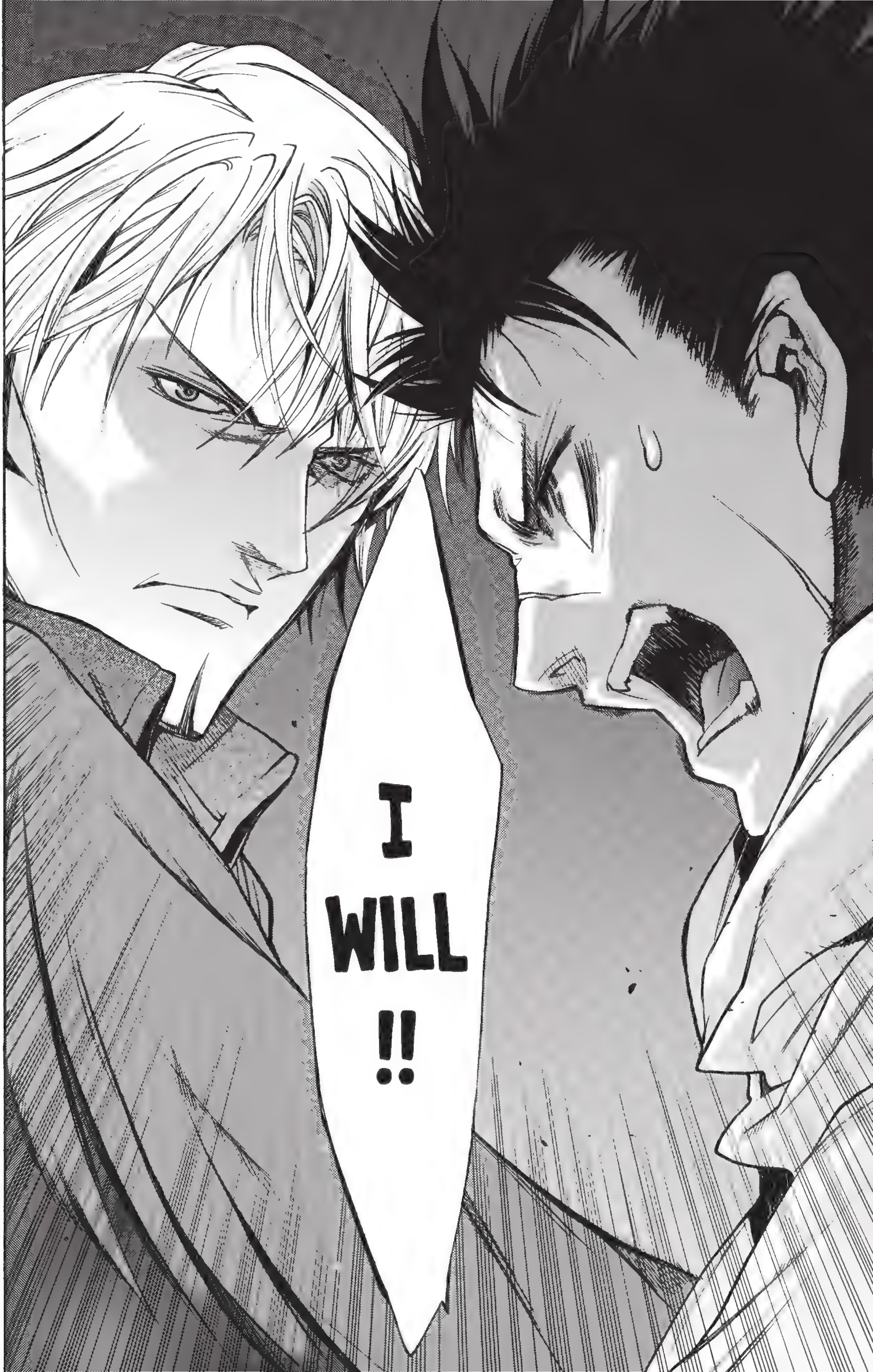

...!!
I'LL PUT THE TEAM RETRIEVING THE WOUNDED IN THE LEAD.
YOU'LL GO WITH THEM.
I'LL HAVE THE ASSAULT AND BACKUP SQUADS PEEL OFF BIT BY BIT AS THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF US WILL SURVIVE, BUT I CAN SAY THIS...


IT'S THE ONLY MEANS WE HAVE OF MINIMIZING THE LOSS OF LIFE.
NO...!


THERE IS A WAY !!


THE CARGO WAGON ...?
BUT WHAT WOULD THAT...
NO, WAIT!
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU WERE HIDING IN THE WAGON, SO YOU'D KNOW WHAT WAS INSIDE...
DAKADUN
THEN WE'LL NEED AN EXPLOSIVE ROUND.
WAIT.


I HAVE AN EXPLOSIVE RIGHT HERE.
...AHH.
BUT CAN YOU DO IT...
...BOY?
I CAN.
NO...


I WILL !!

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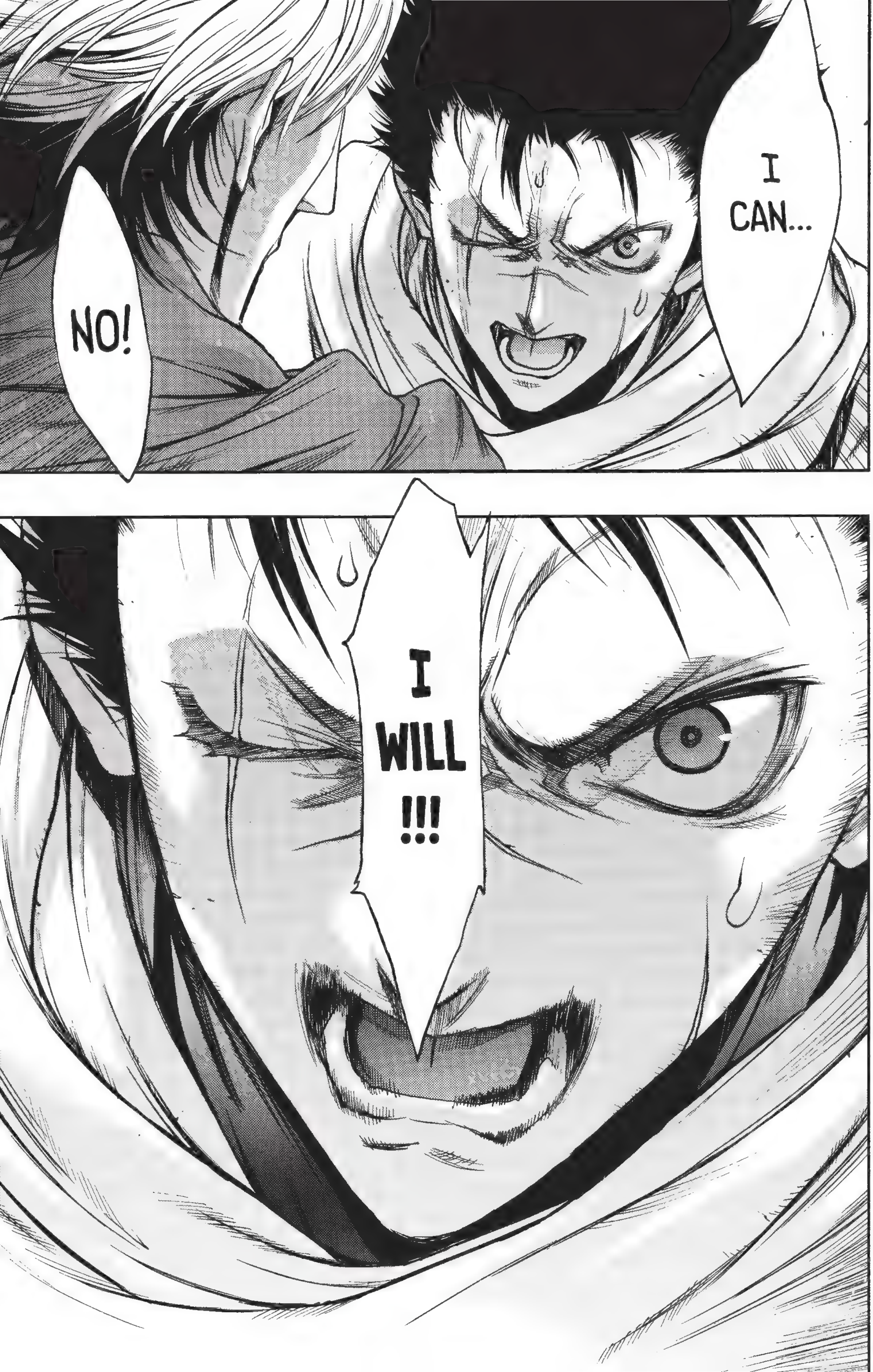
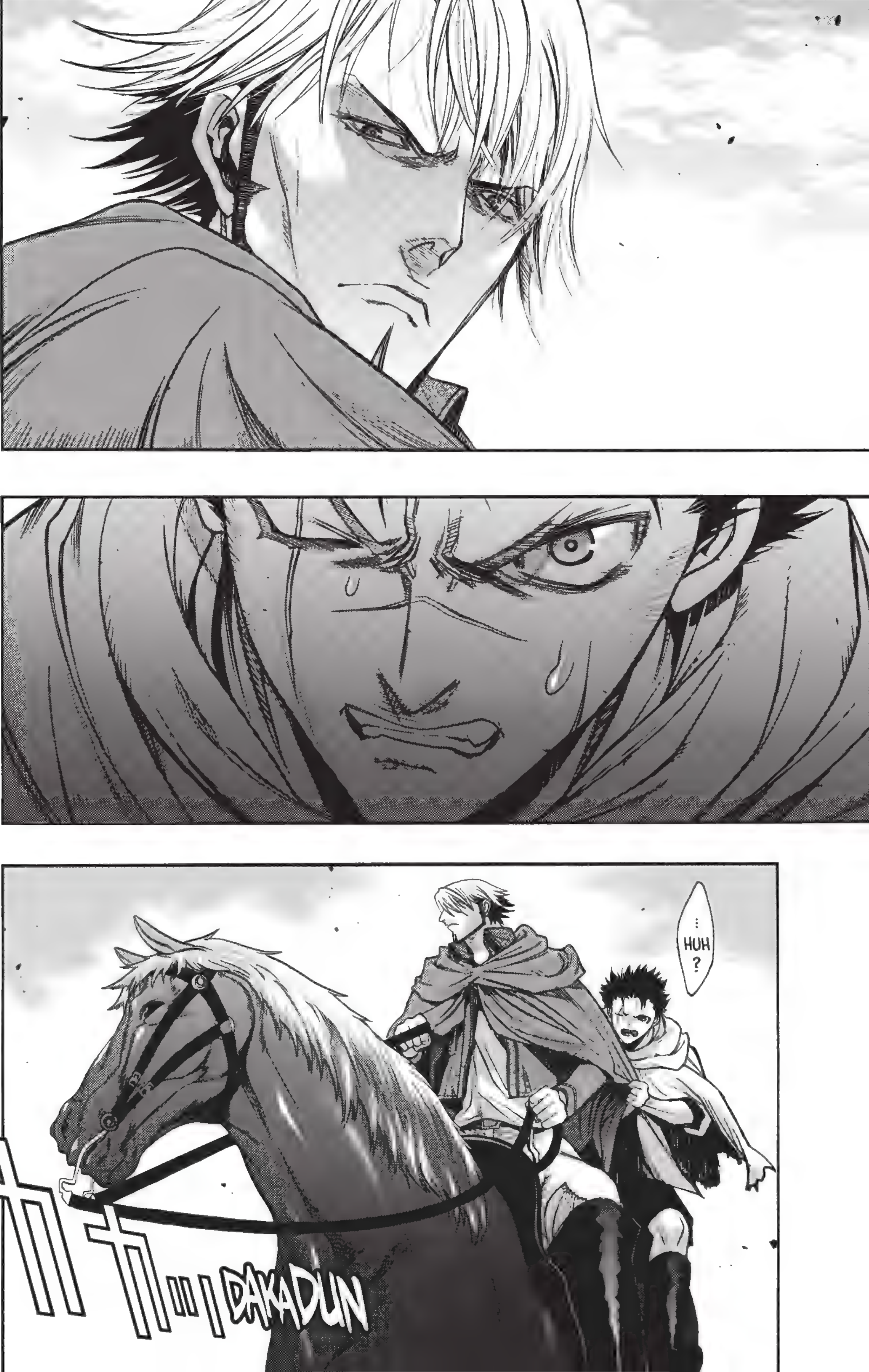
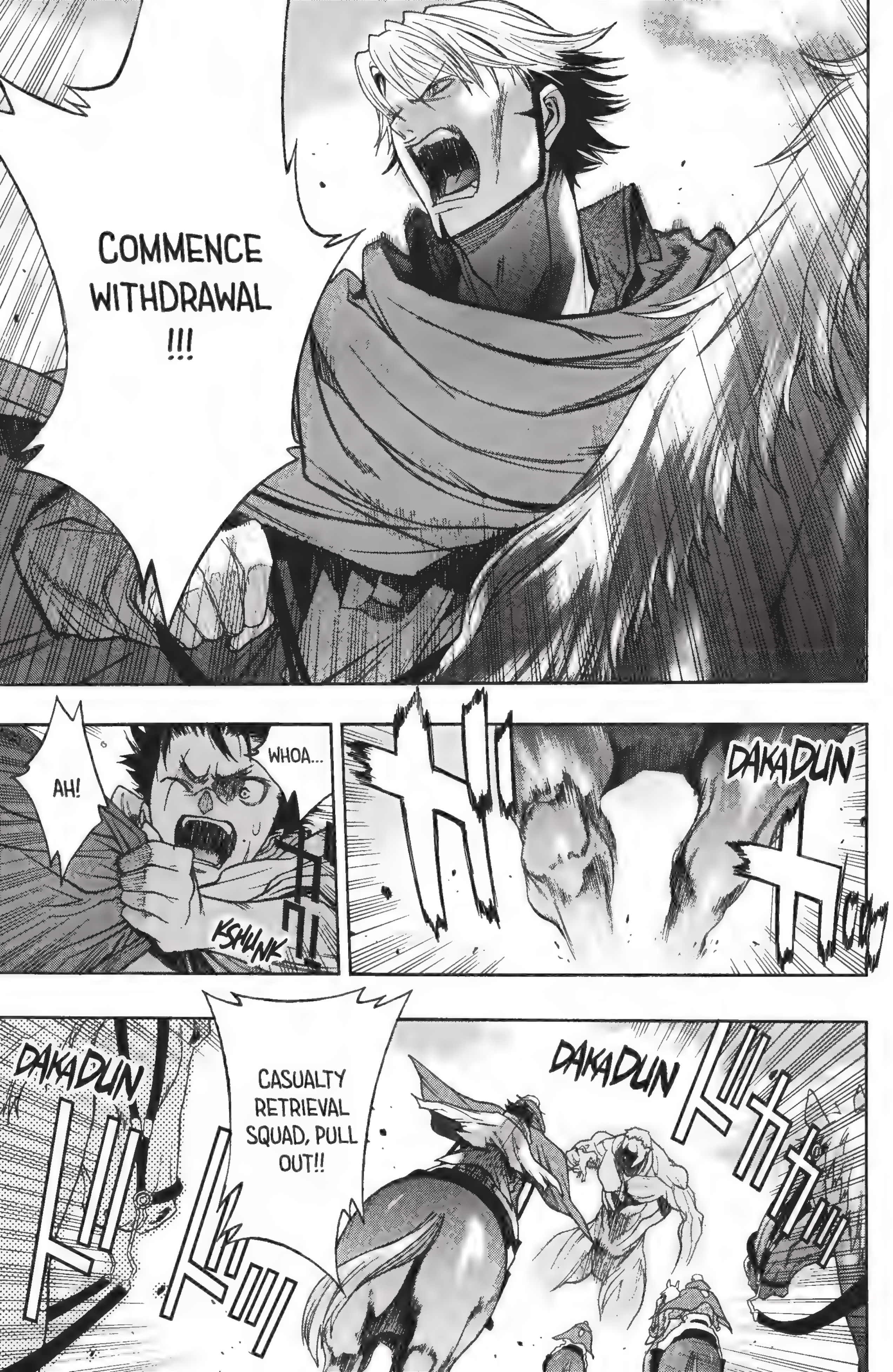
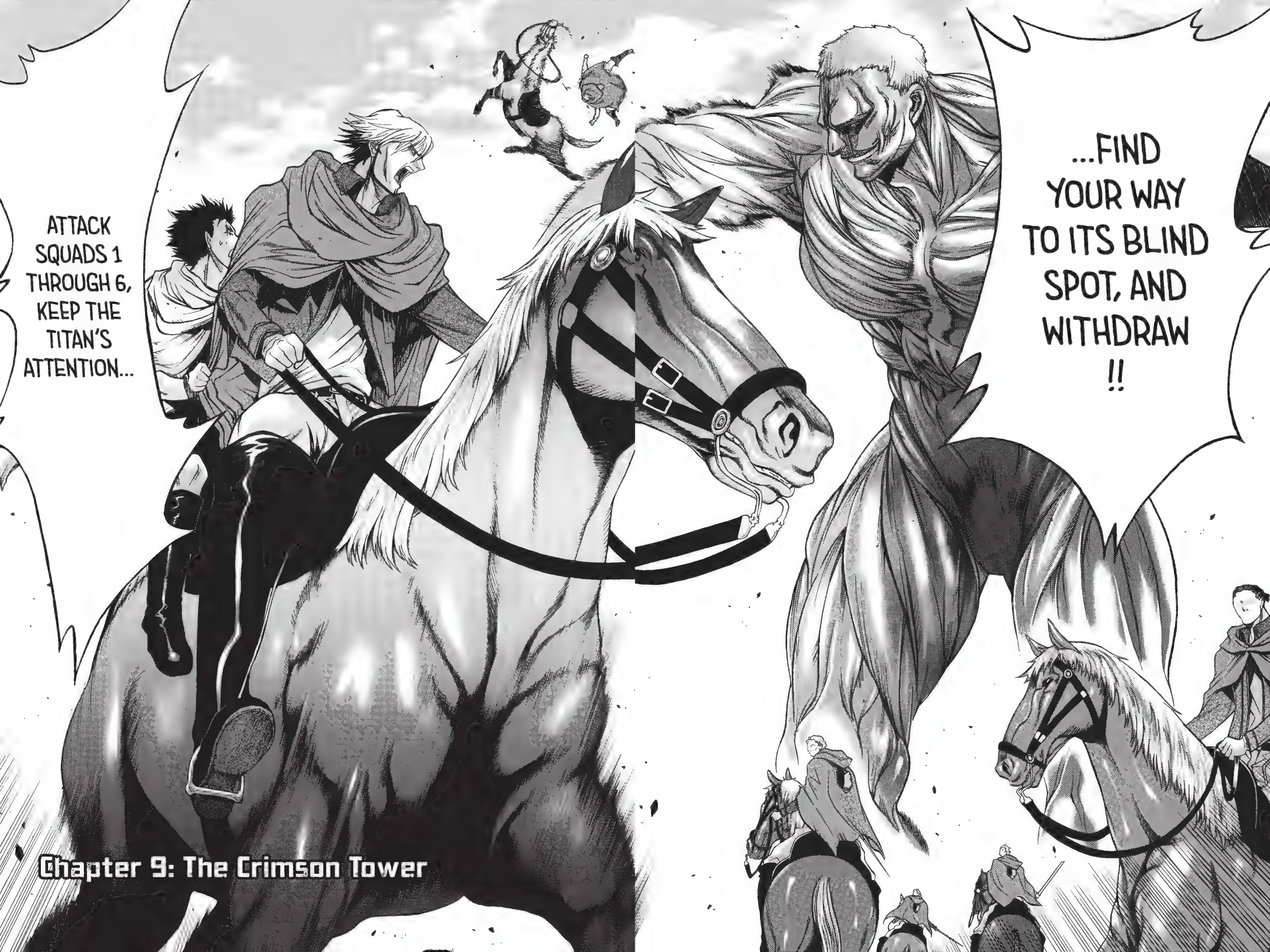
ATTACK on TITAN
BEFORE THE FALL


I CAN...
NO!
I WILL!!!

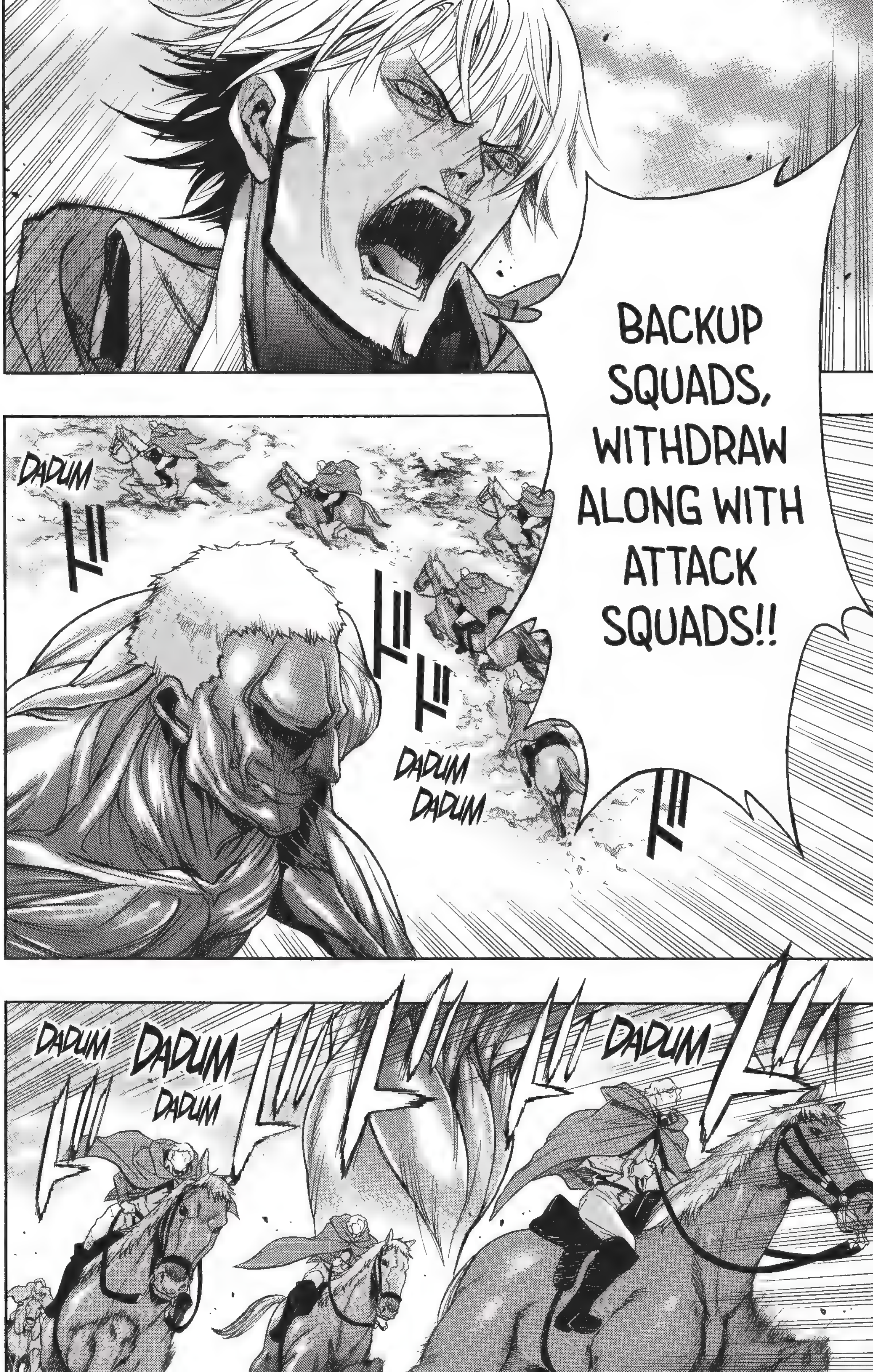

...HUH?
カカ…ッ
DAKADUN


COMMENCE WITHDRAWAL!!!
DAKADUN
WHOA...
AH!
KSHUNK
CASUALTY RETRIEVAL SQUAD, PULL OUT!!
DAKADUN
DAKADUN



...FIND YOUR WAY TO ITS BLIND SPOT, AND WITHDRAW !!
ATTACK SQUADS 1 THROUGH 6, KEEP THE TITAN'S ATTENTION...

Chapter 9: The Crimson Tower


BACKUP SQUADS, WITHDRAW ALONG WITH ATTACK SQUADS!!
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DADUM DADUM
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DADUM
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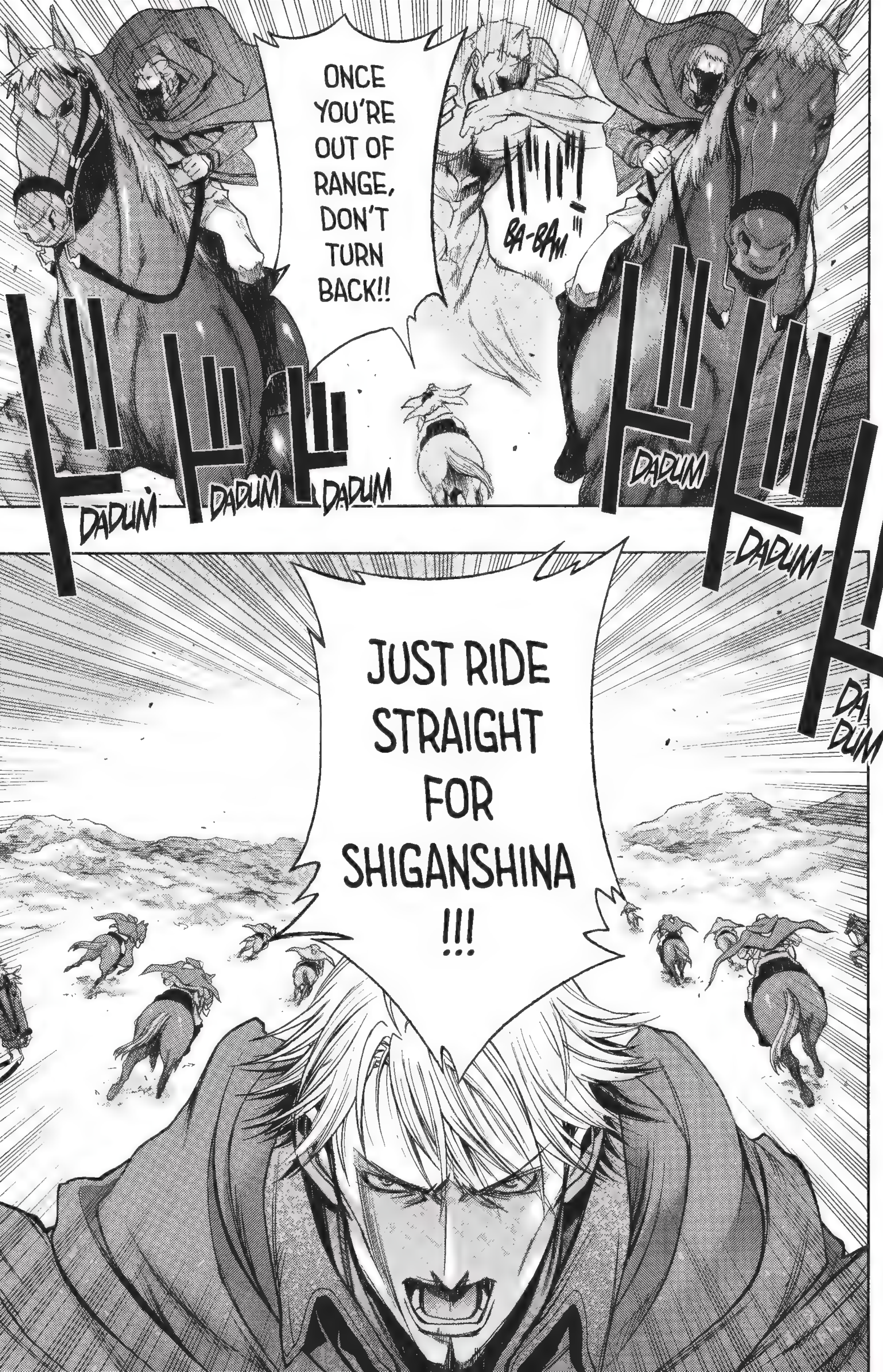
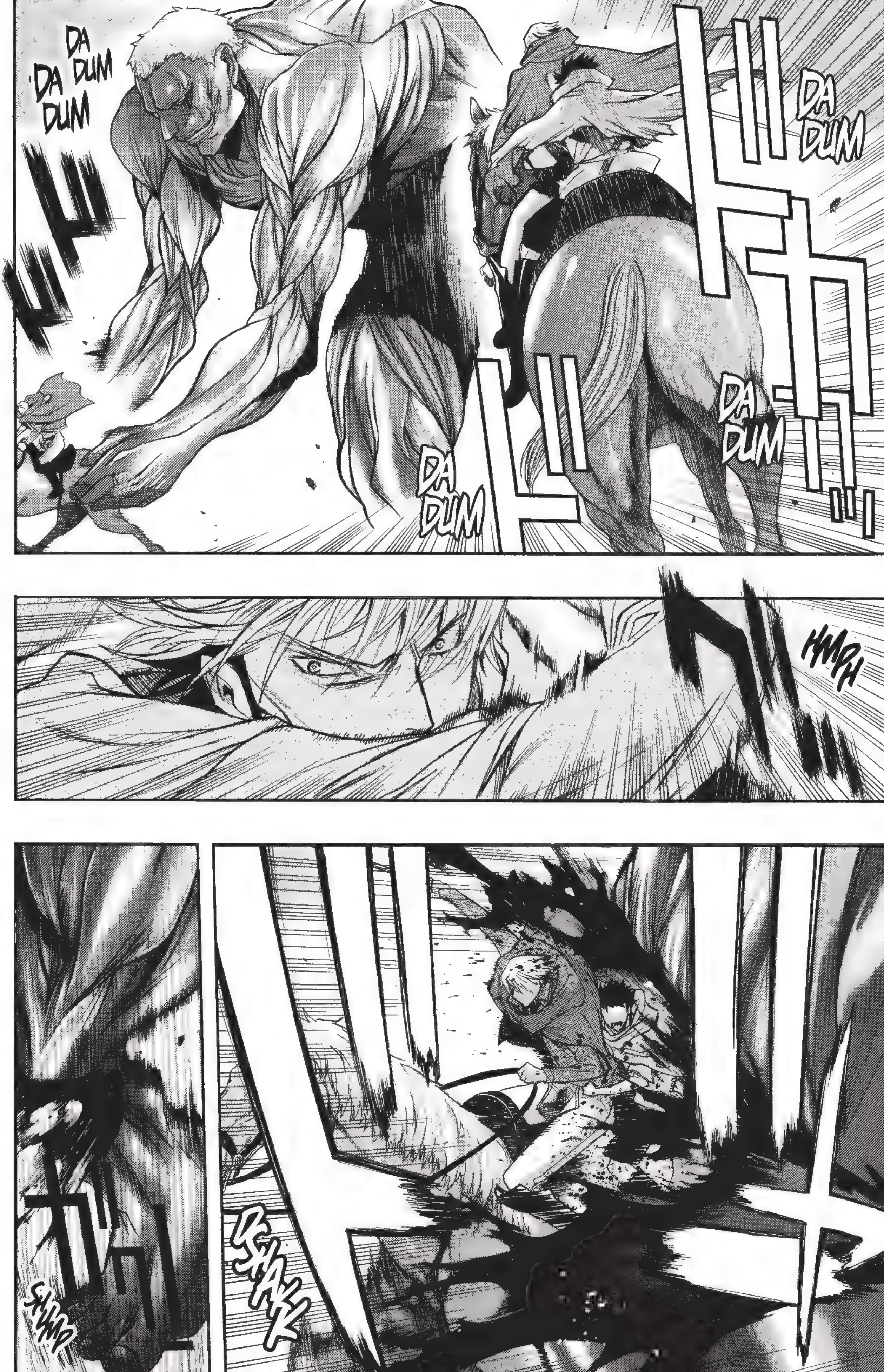
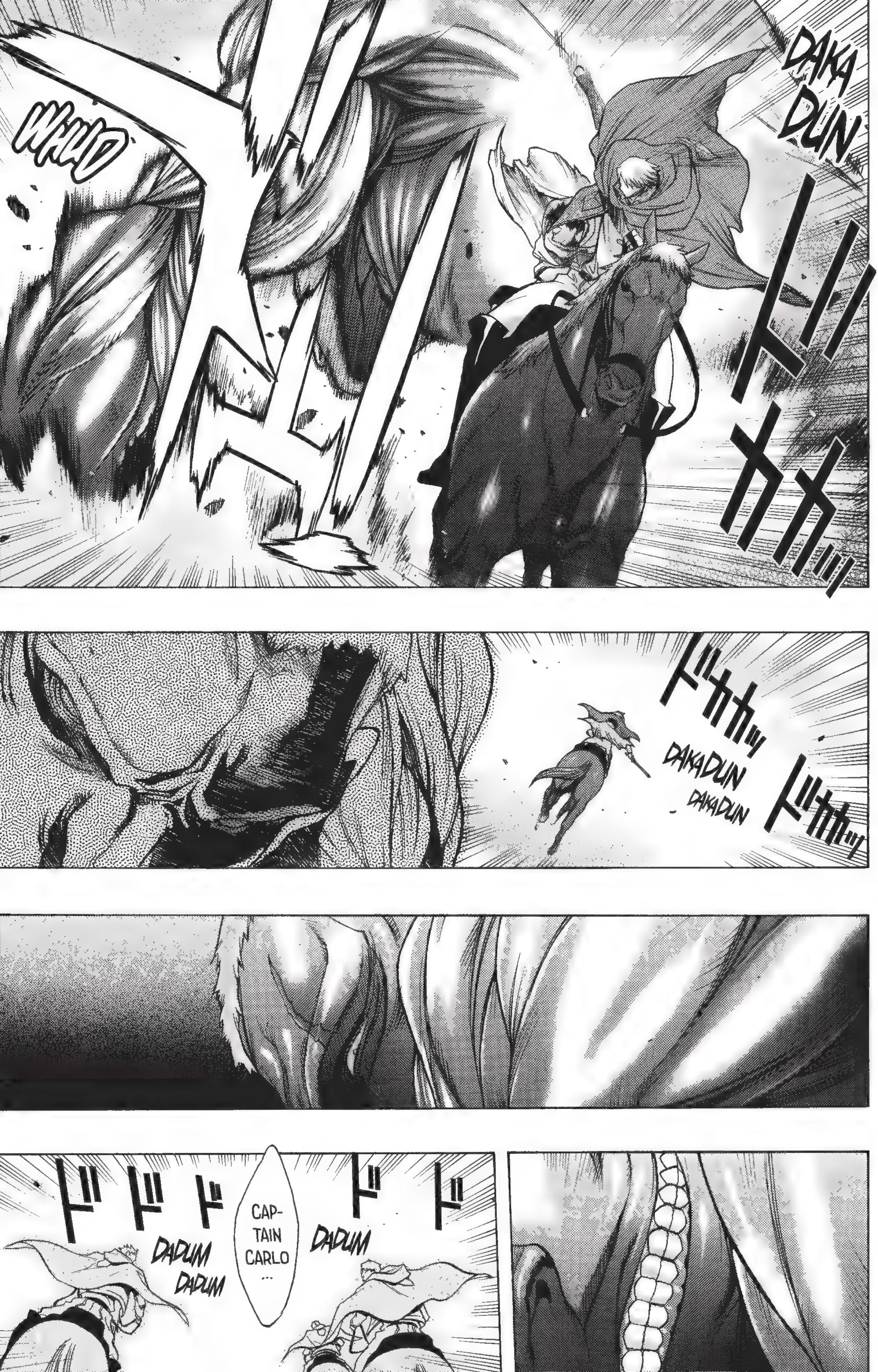
ドドドド
DADUM
DADUM DADUM
DADUM


BA-BAM
ONCE YOU'RE OUT OF RANGE, DON'T TURN BACK!!
DADUM
DADUM
DADUM
DADUM
DADUM
DADUM
DADUM
JUST RIDE STRAIGHT FOR SHIGANSHINA!!!


DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
HMPH
DSHAKK
SHUMP


DAKA DUN
ドドカカッ
WHUD
ドカカカッ
DAKADUN
DAKADUN
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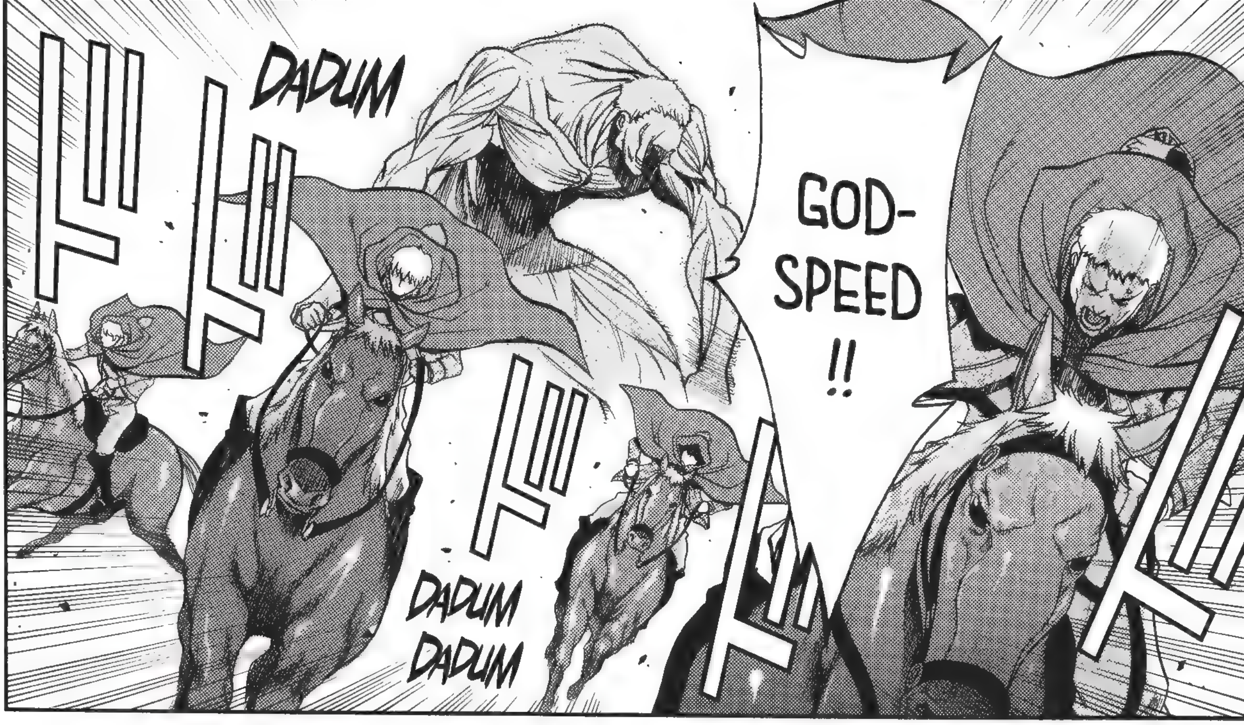
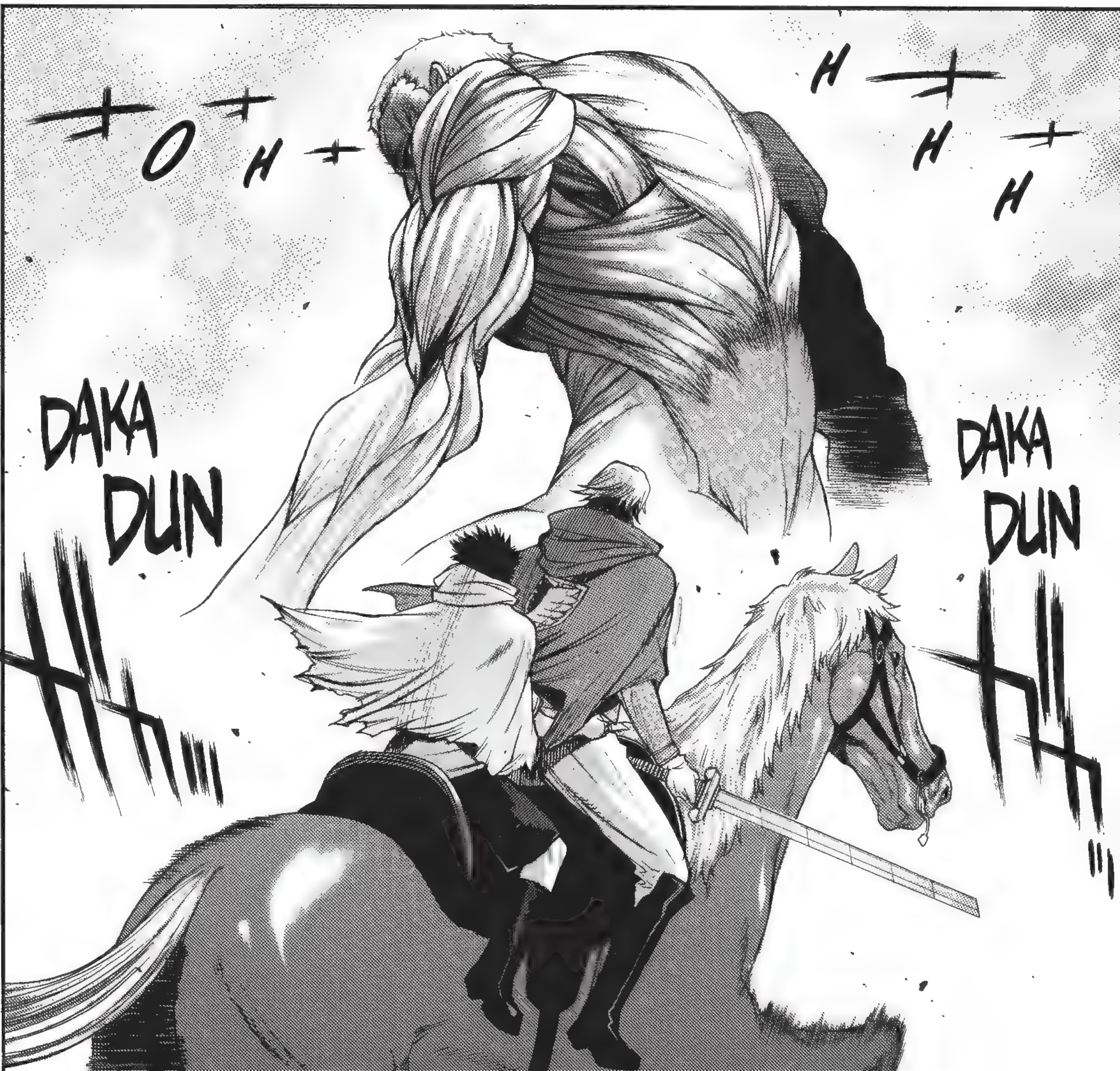
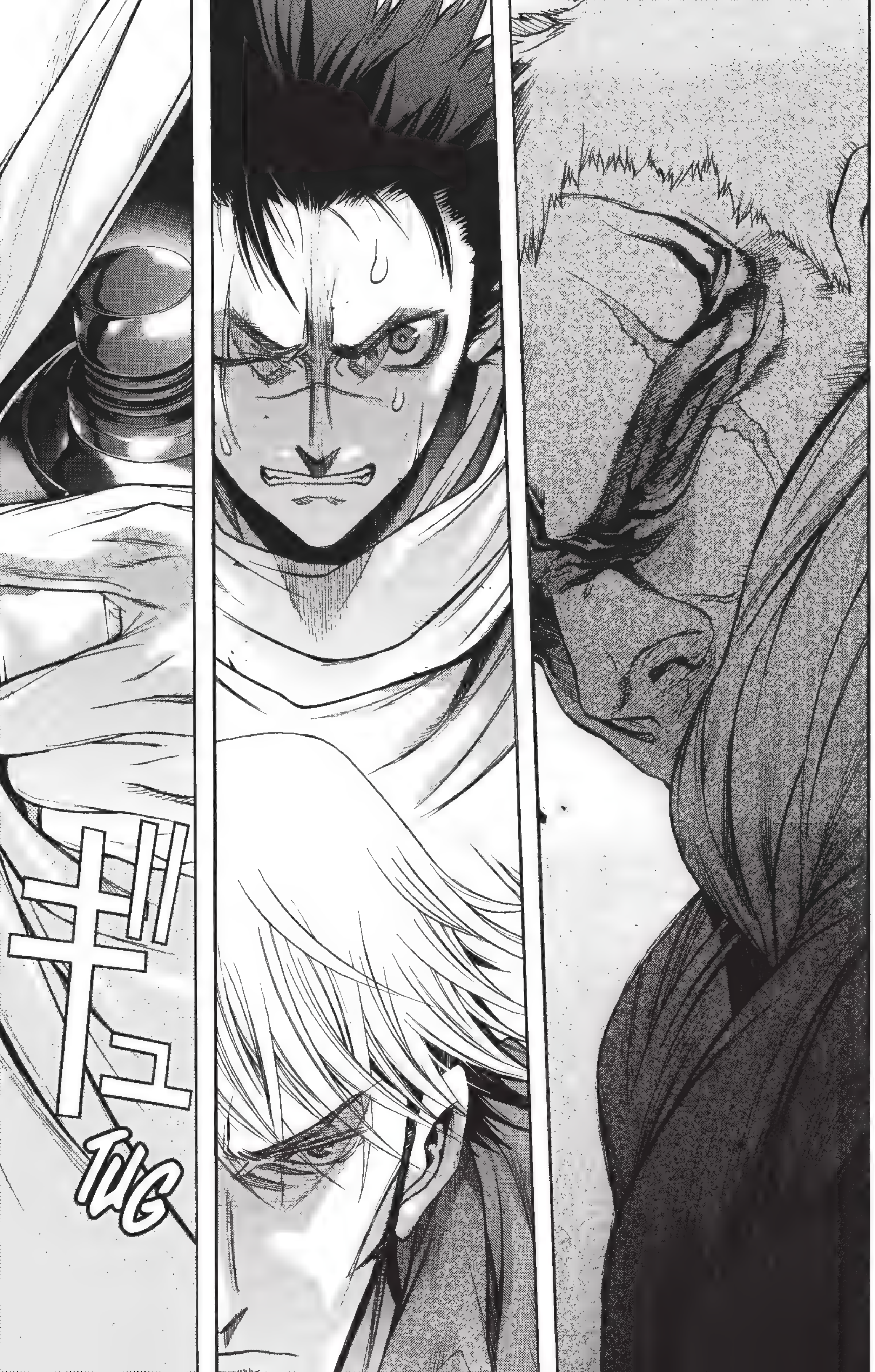
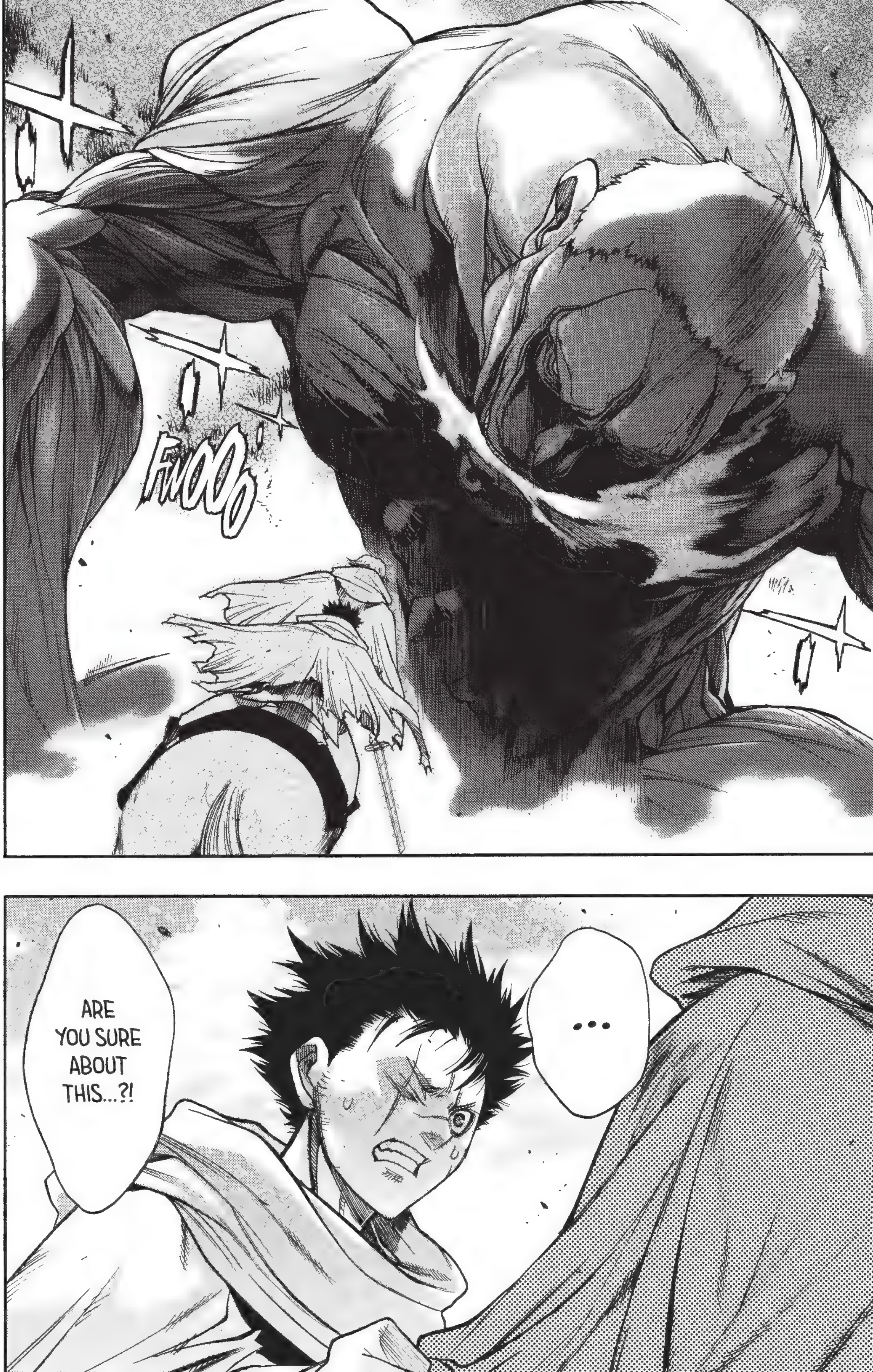
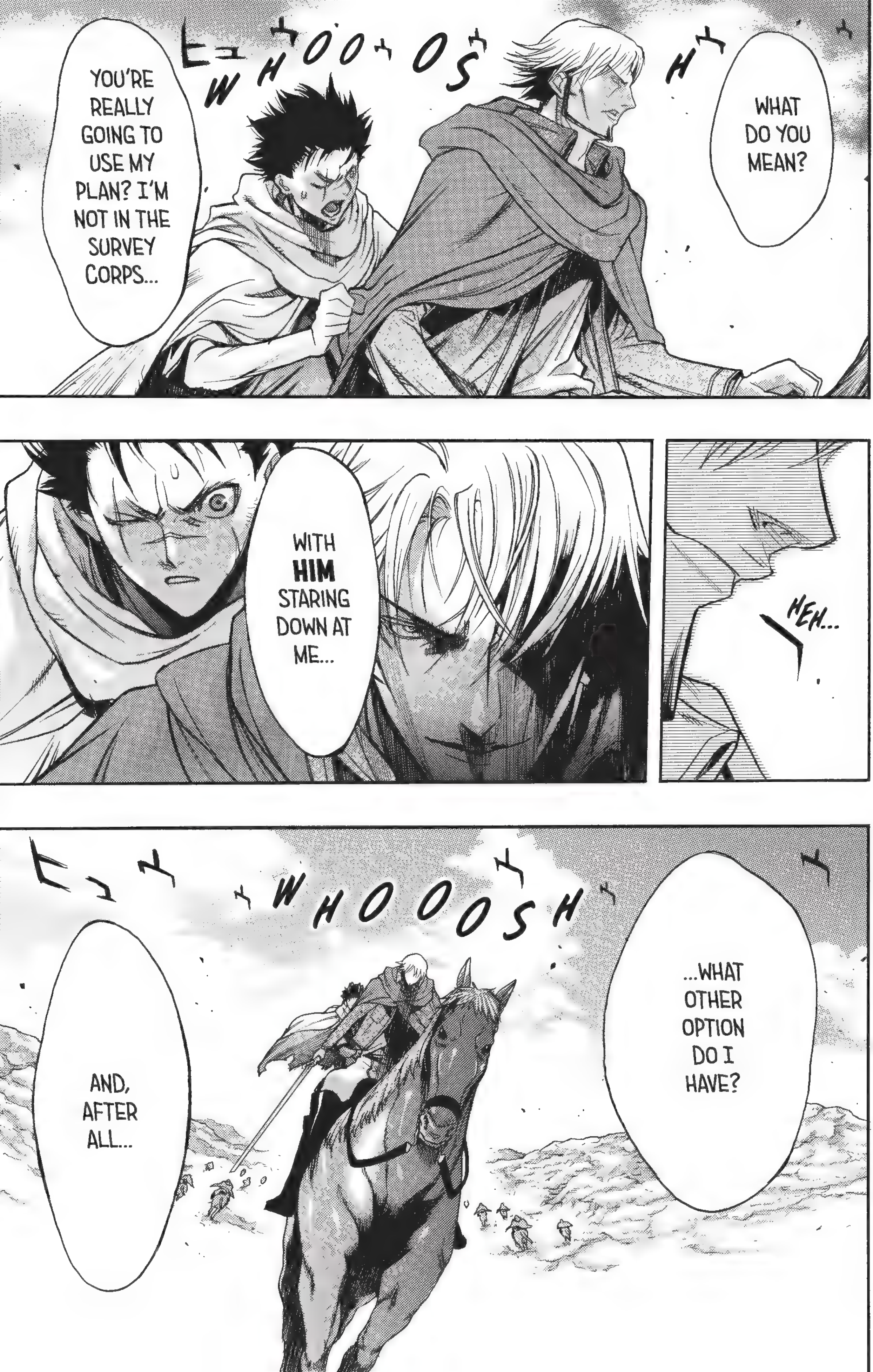
ドド
DADUM
CAP-TAIN CARLO...
ドドド
DADUM
DADUM

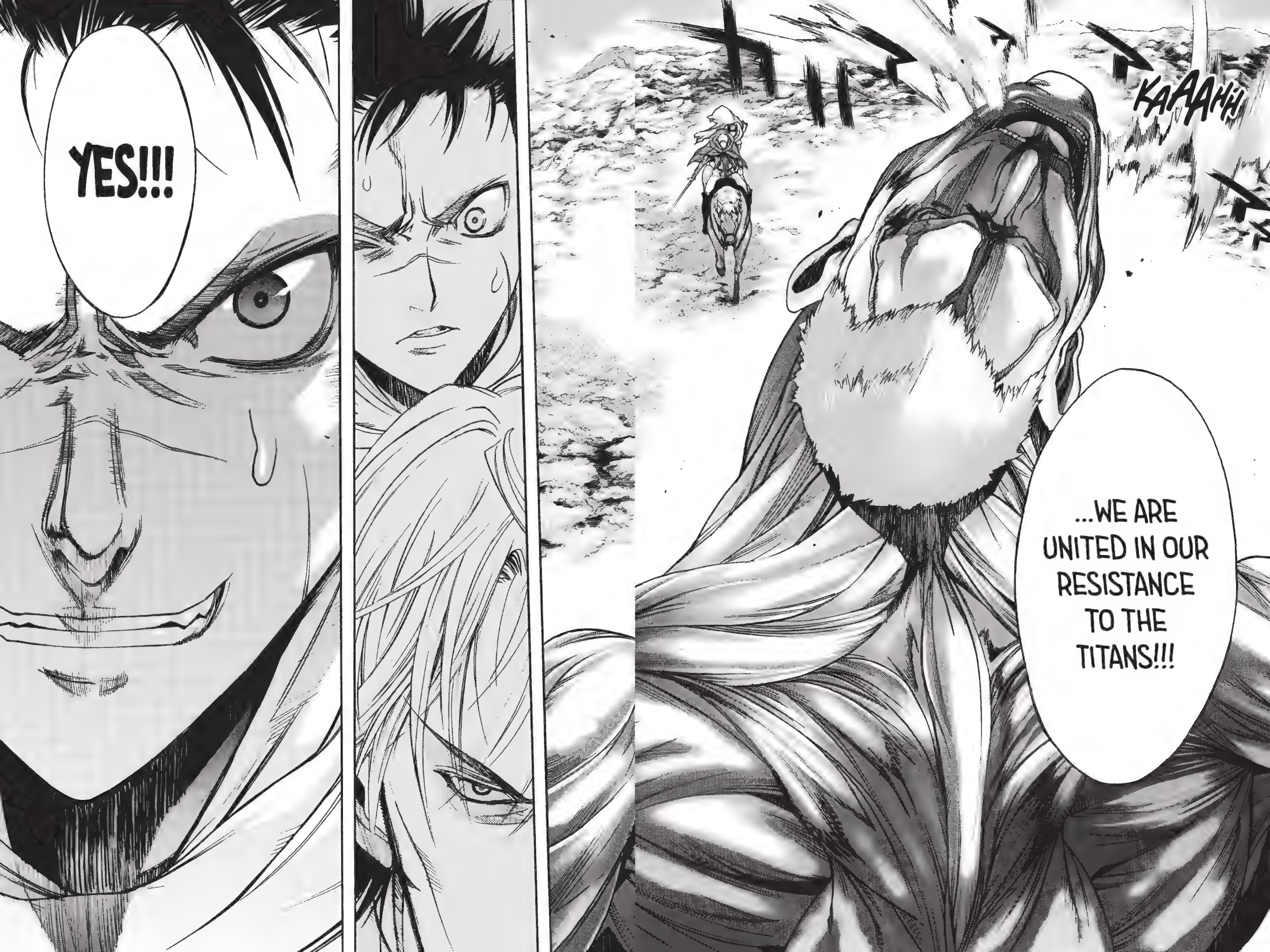

GOD-SPEED!!
DADUM
DADUM DADUM

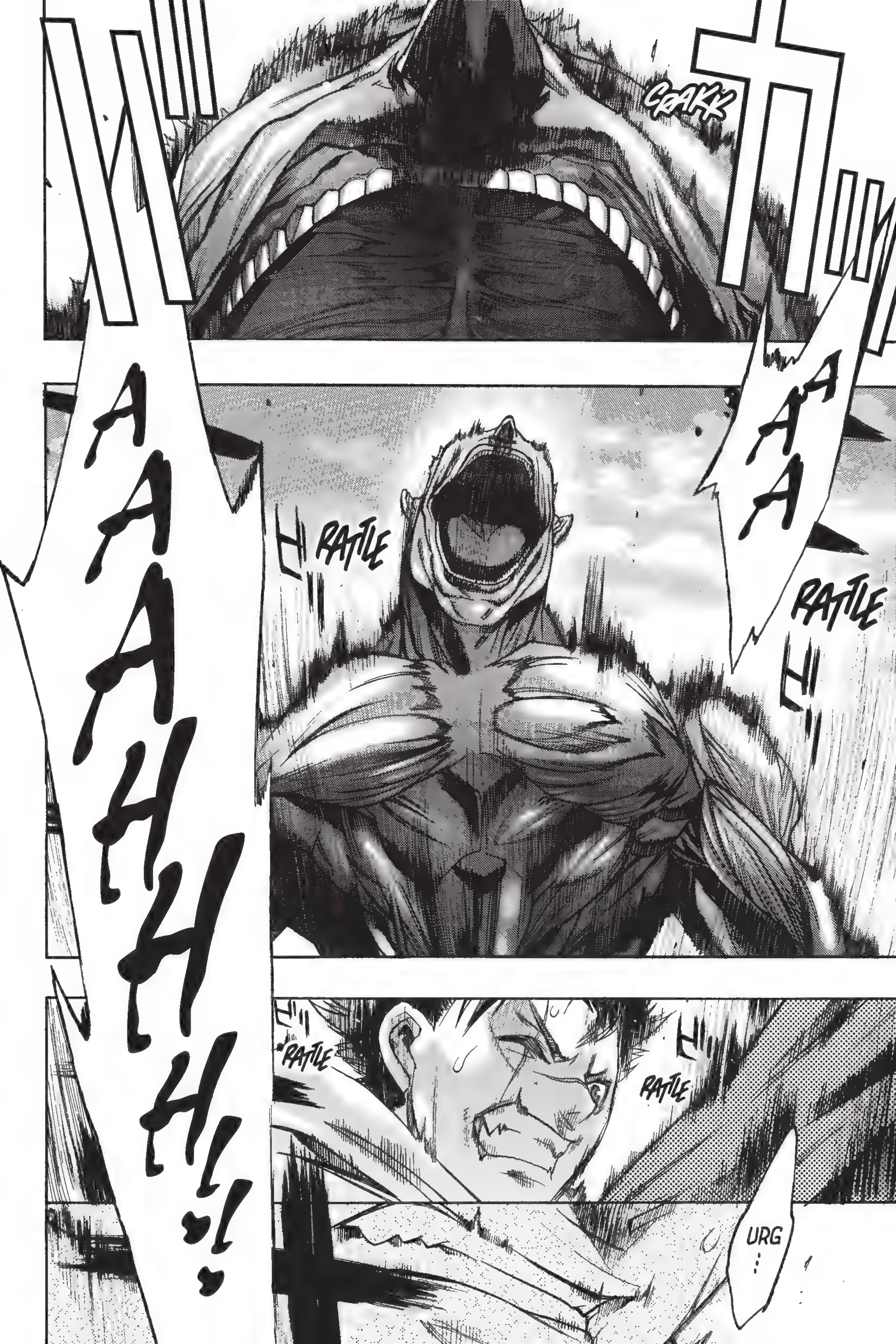

HHH
OH
DAKA DUN
DAKA DUN

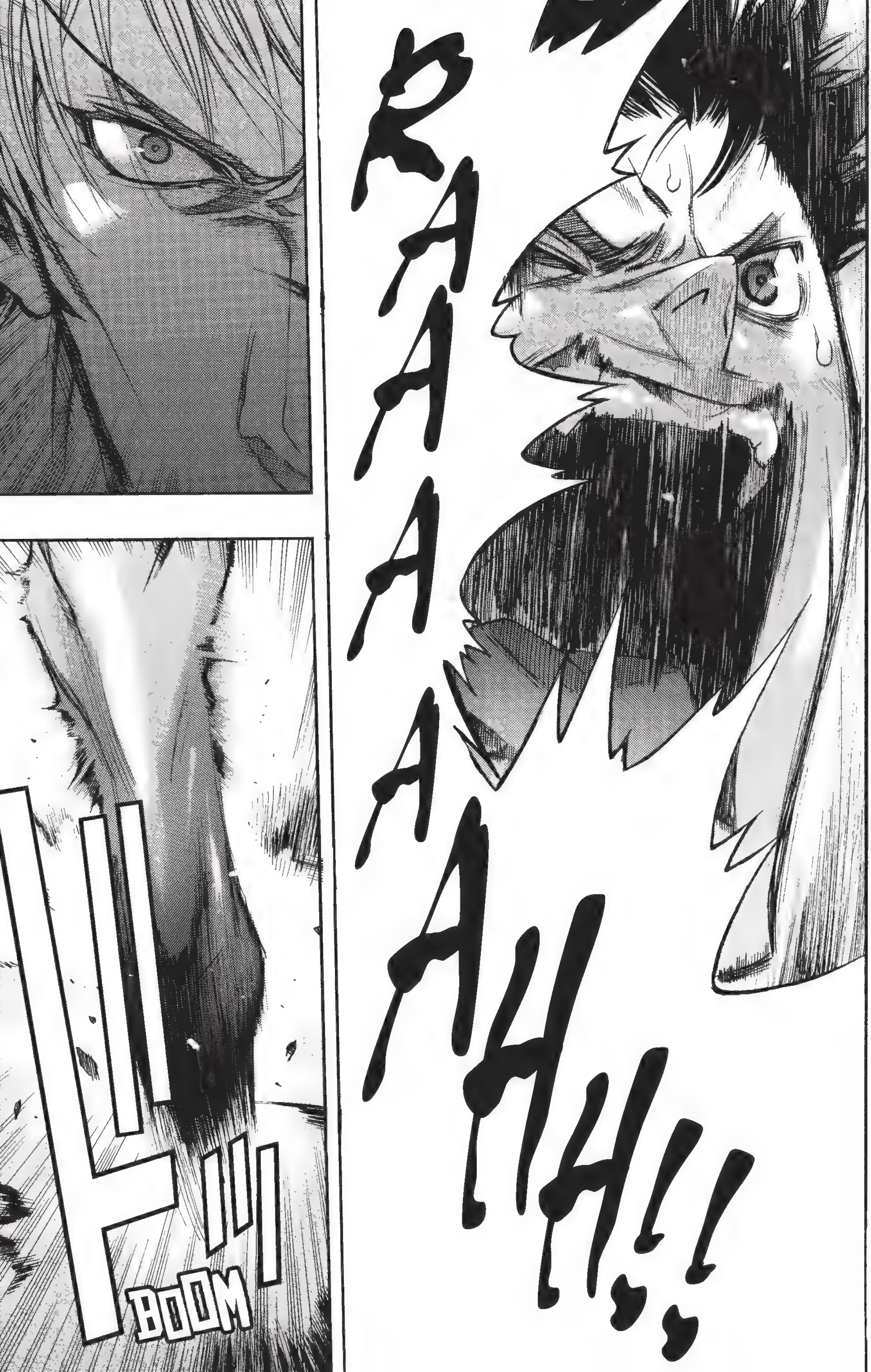

ギュ
TUG

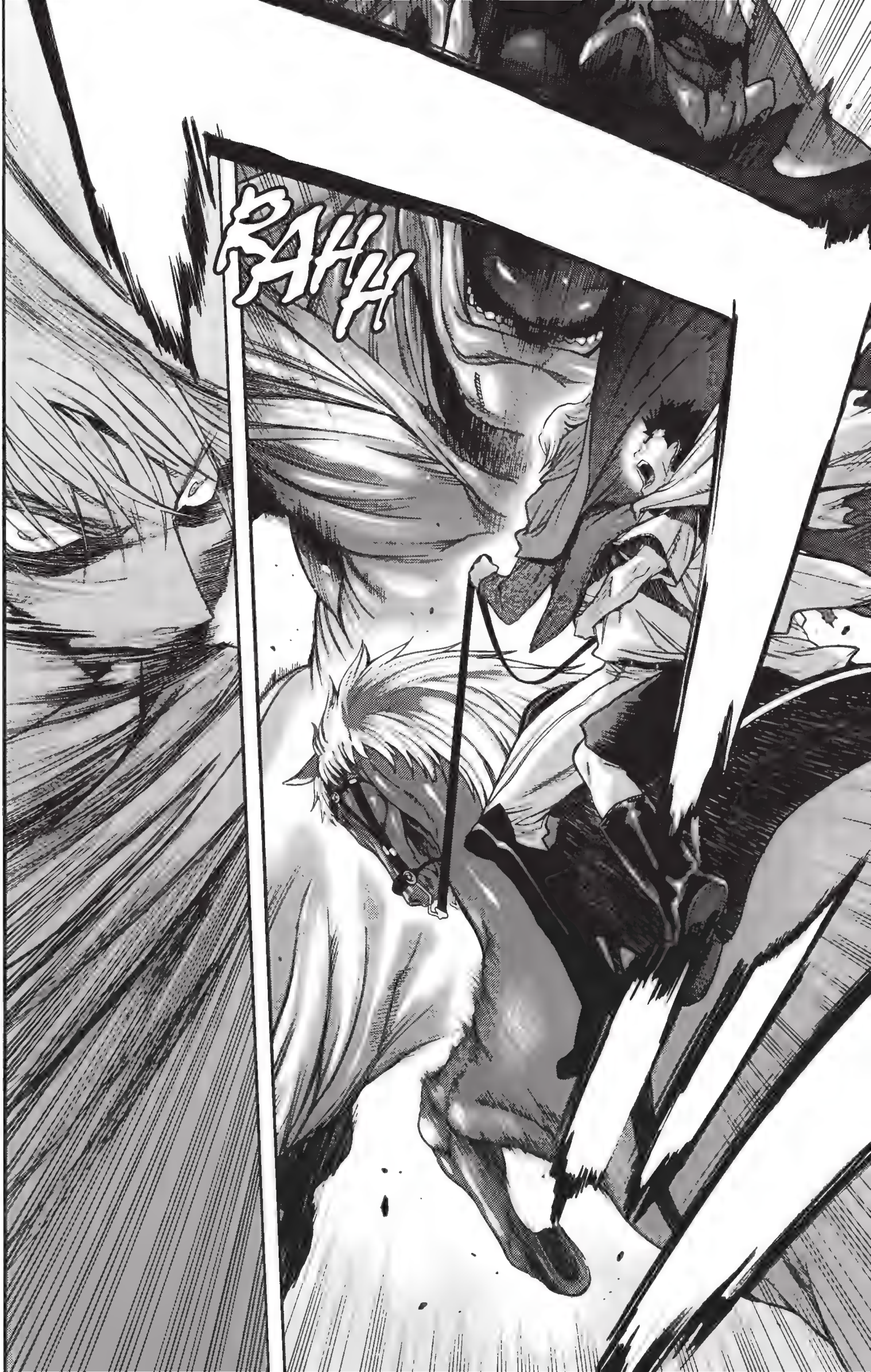

FWOOO
...
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS...?!

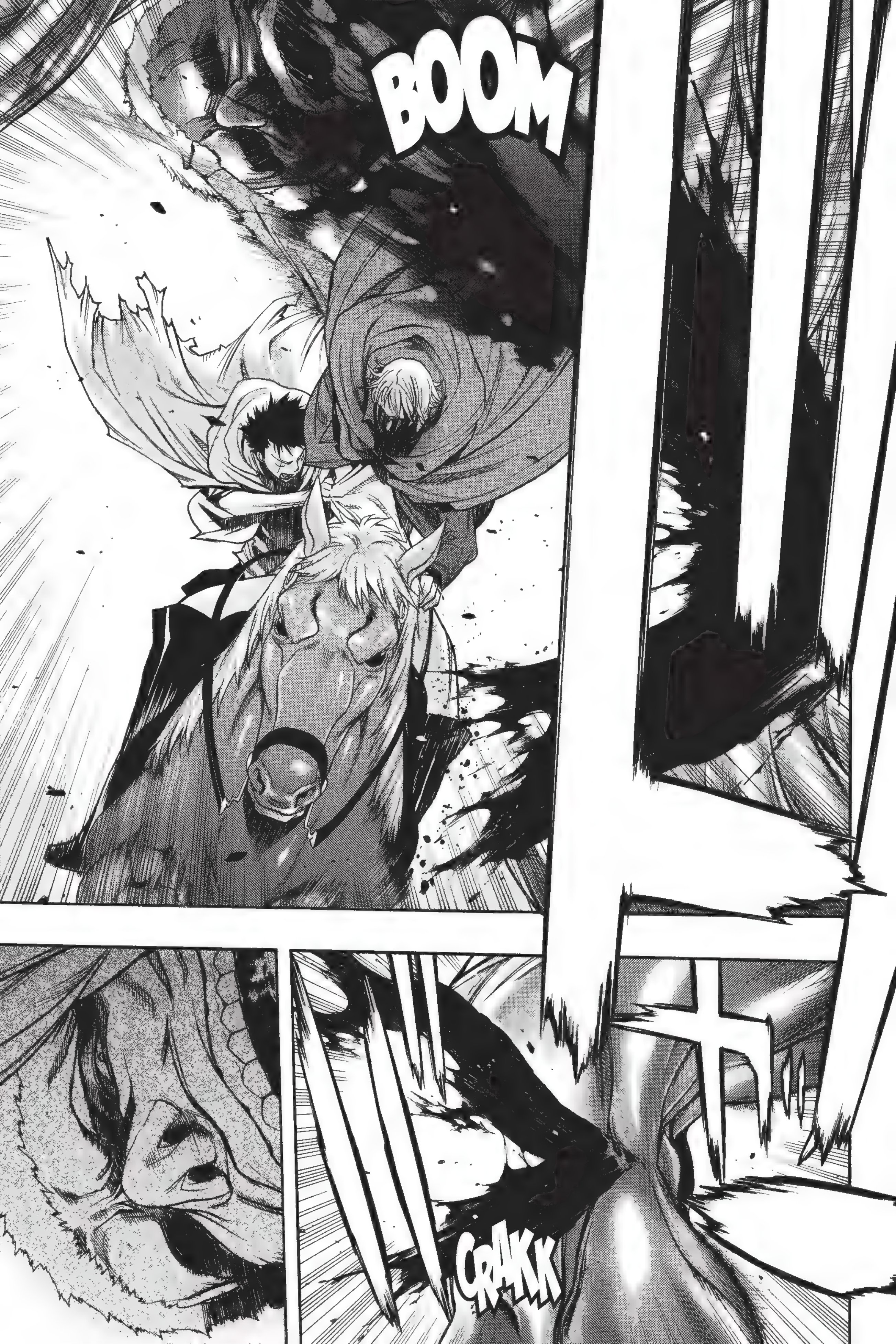

ヒュ WHOOOSH
YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO USE MY PLAN? I'M NOT IN THE SURVEY CORPS...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WITH **HIM** STARING DOWN AT ME...
HEH...
ヒュン WHOOOSH
...WHAT OTHER OPTION DO I HAVE?
AND, AFTER ALL...

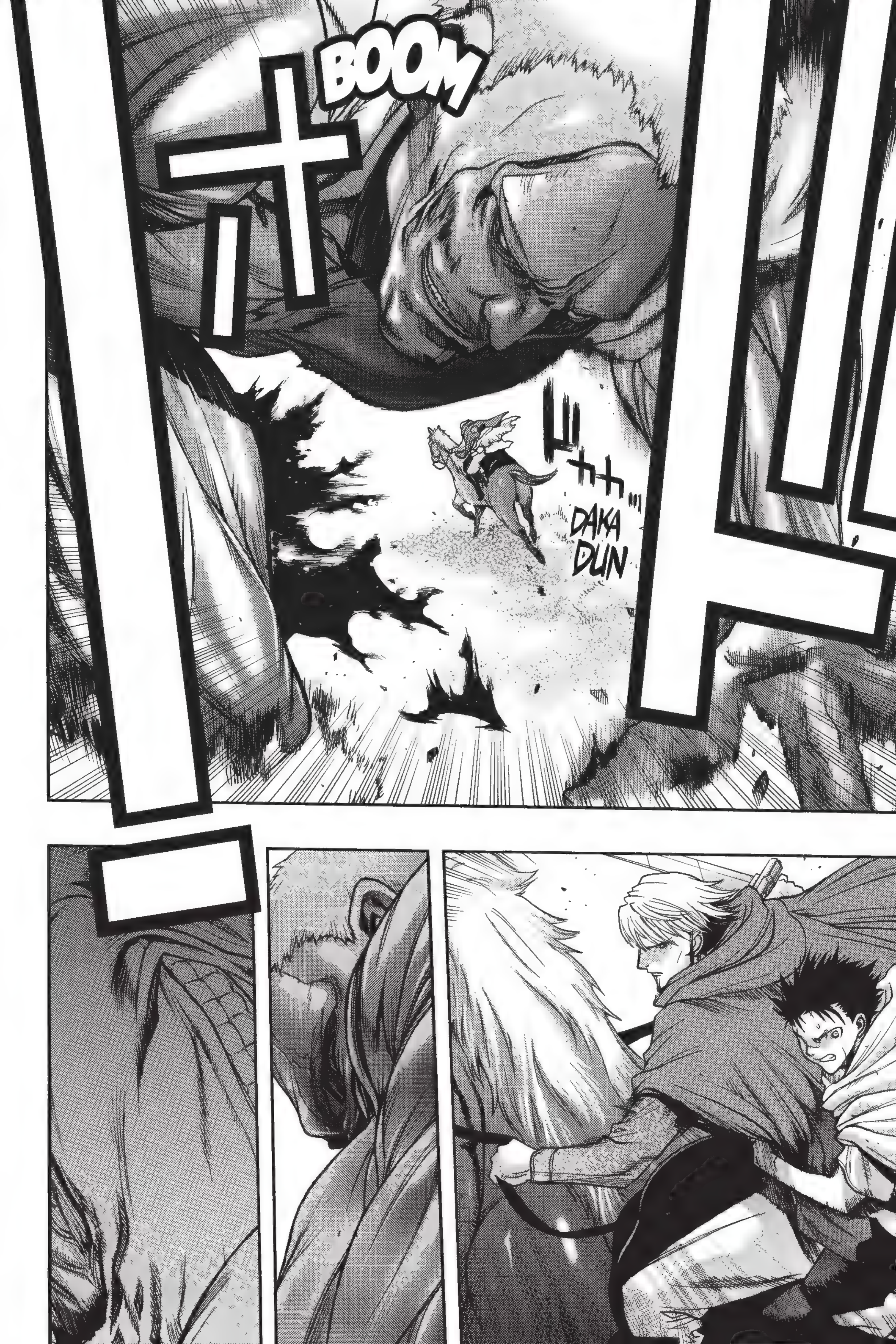

...WE ARE UNITED IN OUR RESISTANCE TO THE TITANS!!!
KAAAHH
YES!!!

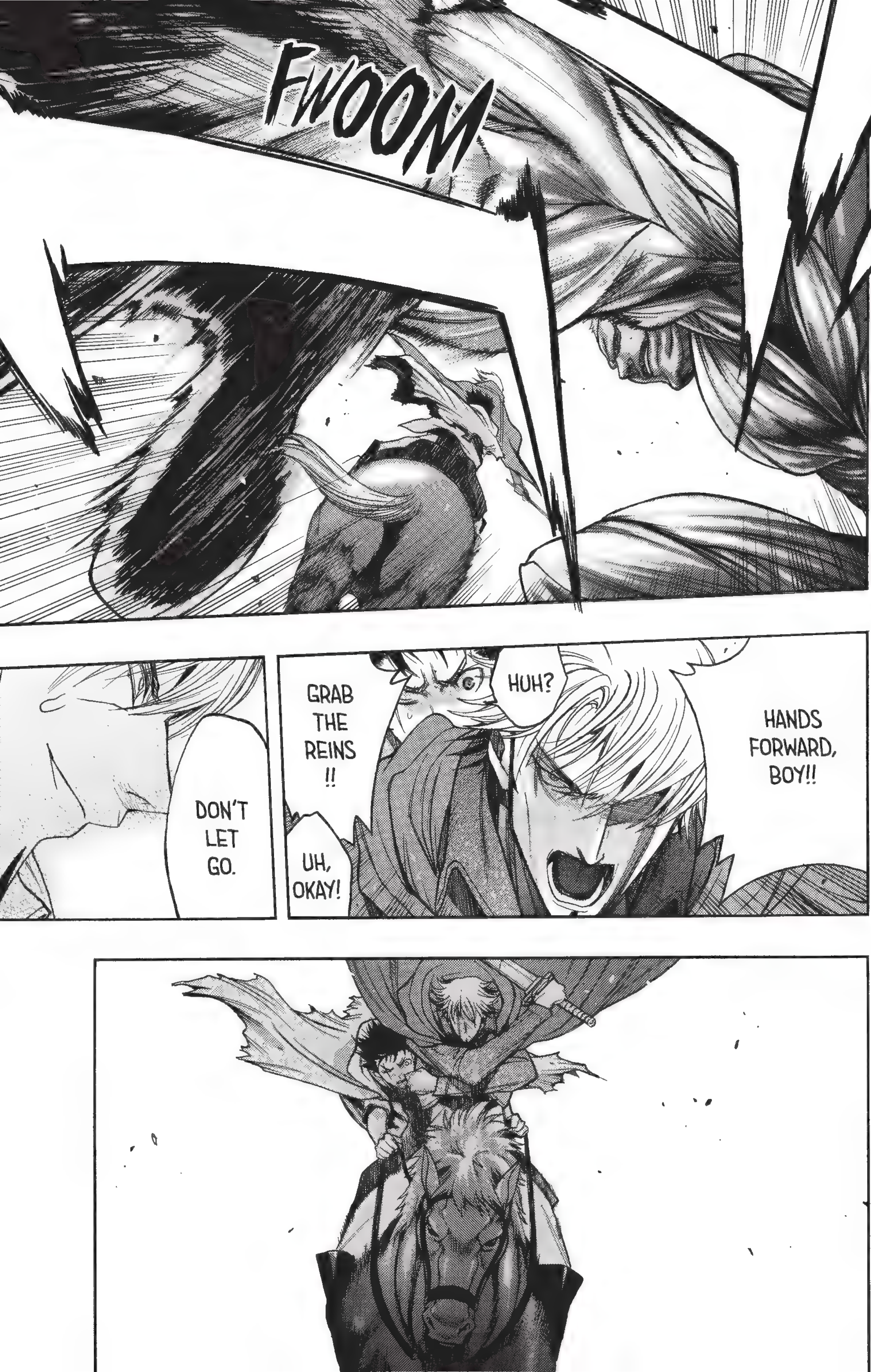

CRAKK
AAA
AAAHHH!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
URG...

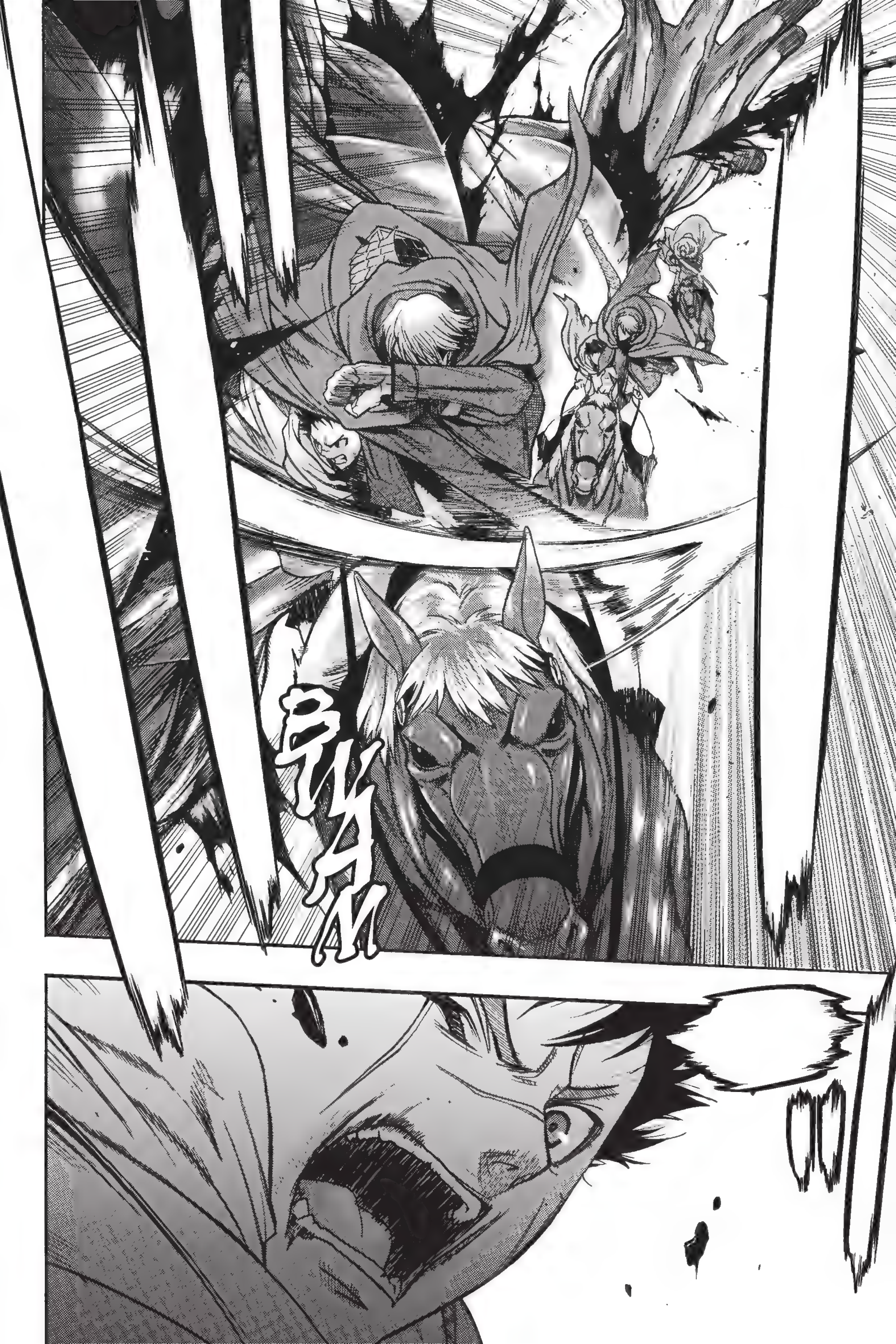

RAAAAAHH!!
ドーン
BOOM

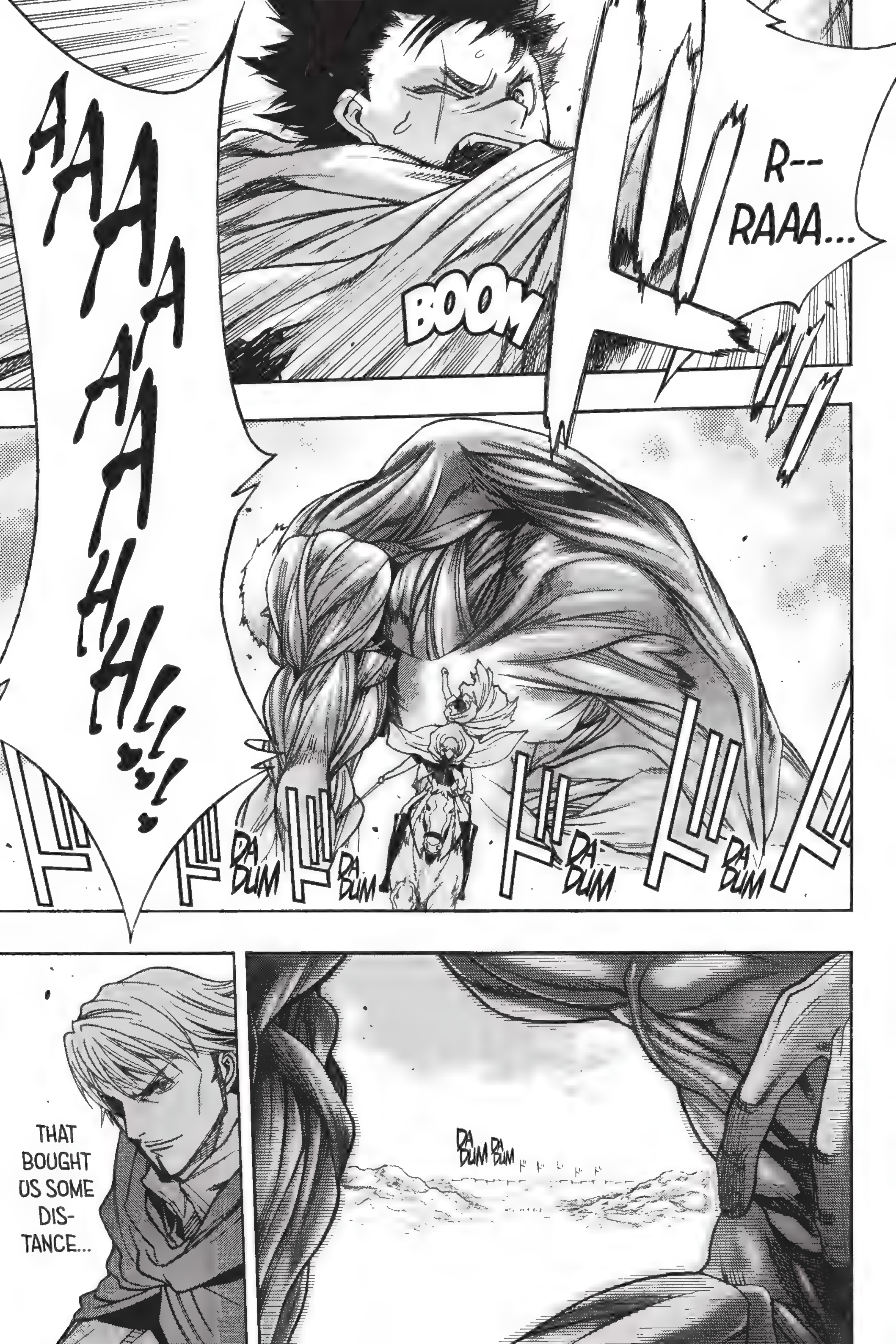

RAHH

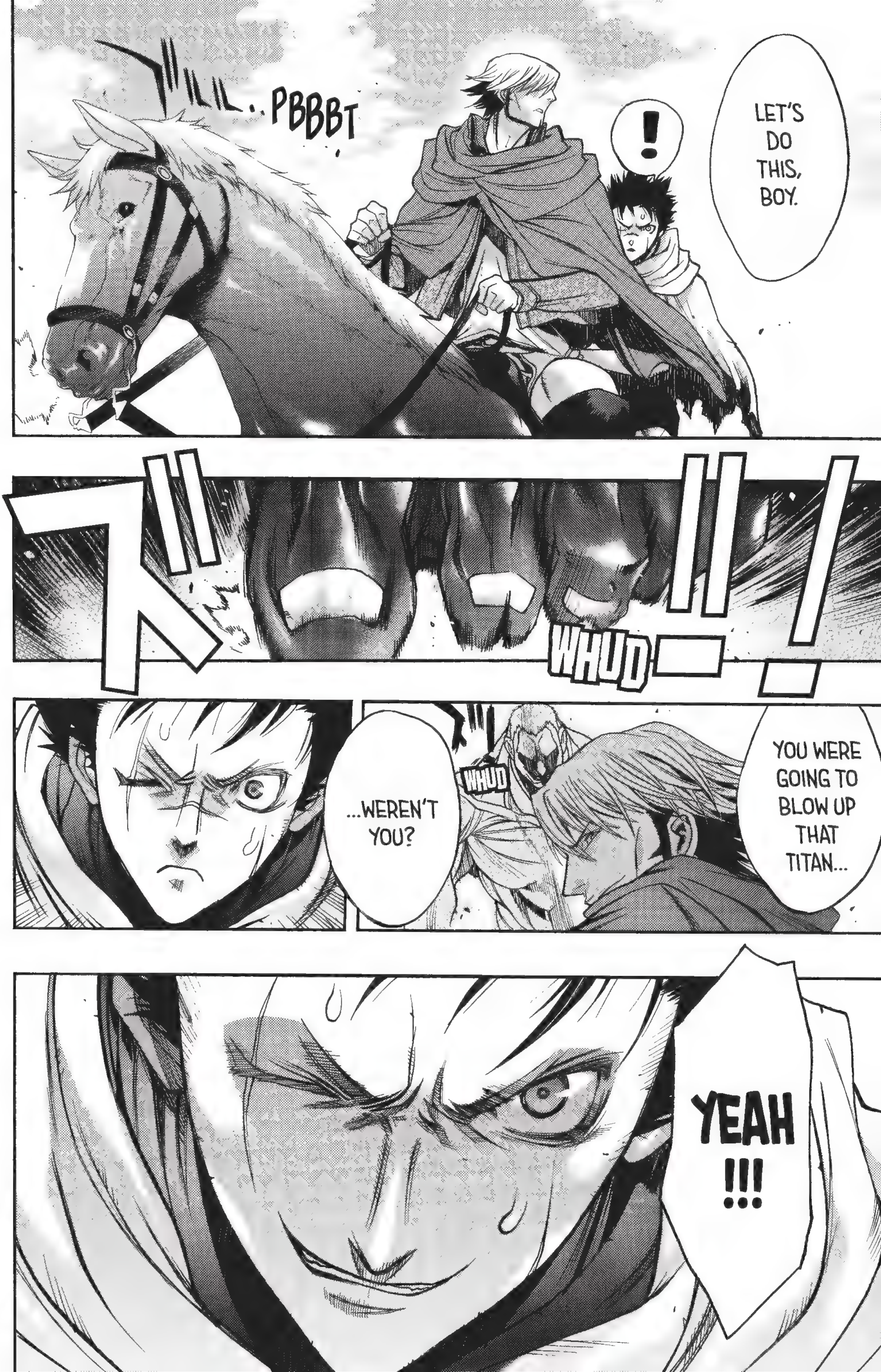

BOOM
CRAKK

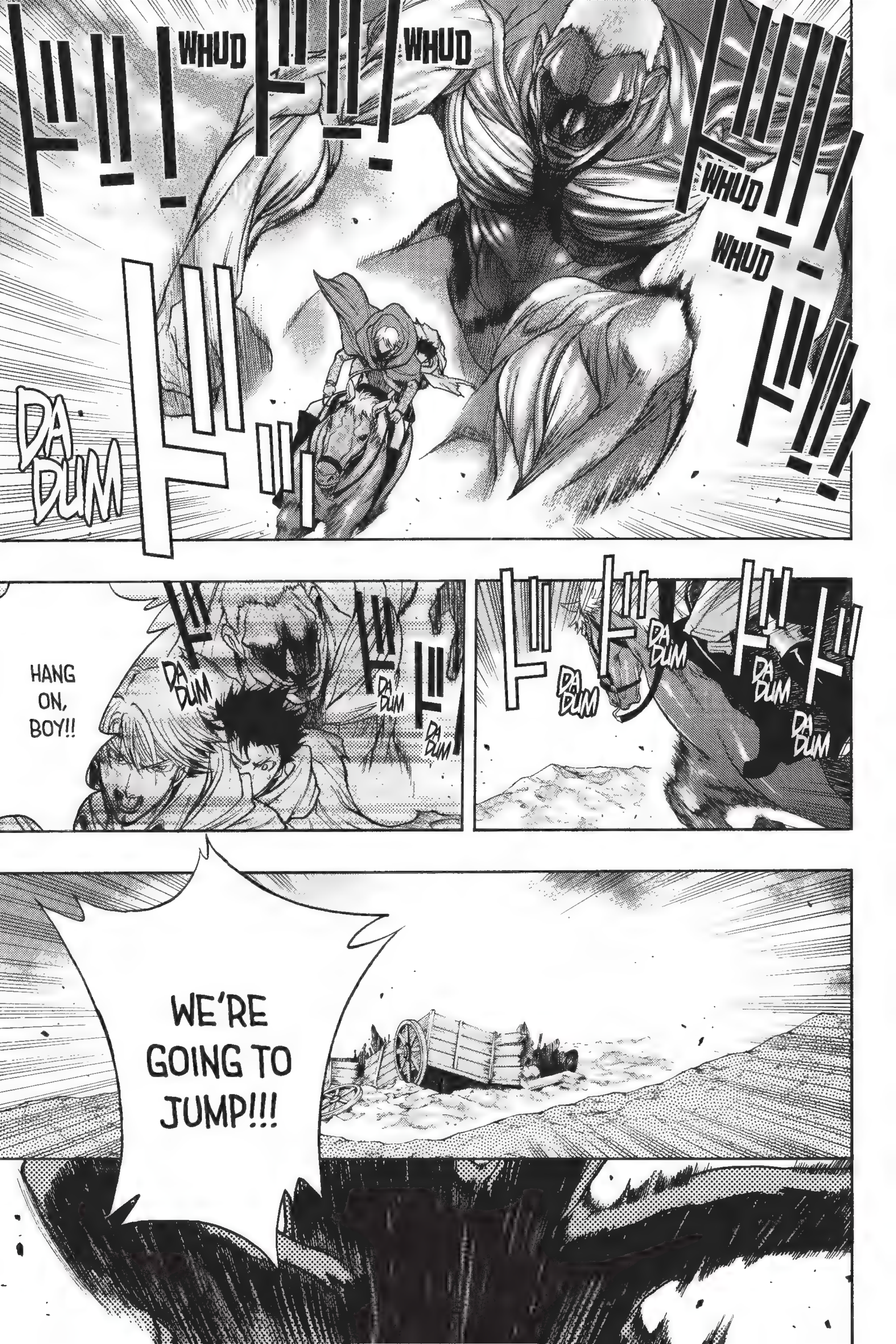

BOOM
DAKA DUN


FWOOM
HANDS FORWARD, BOY!!
HUH?
GRAB THE REINS !!
UH, OKAY!
DON'T LET GO.


BWAM


R-- RAAA...
BOOM
AAAAAAHHH!!!
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
THAT BOUGHT US SOME DISTANCE...
DA DUM DA DUM


LET'S DO THIS, BOY.
!
PBBBT
ズ
WHUD
YOU WERE GOING TO BLOW UP THAT TITAN...
WHUD
...WEREN'T YOU?
YEAH !!!


ドドド!!!
WHUD
WHUD
ドド!!
WHUD
ドド!!
WHUD
DA DUM
ドド
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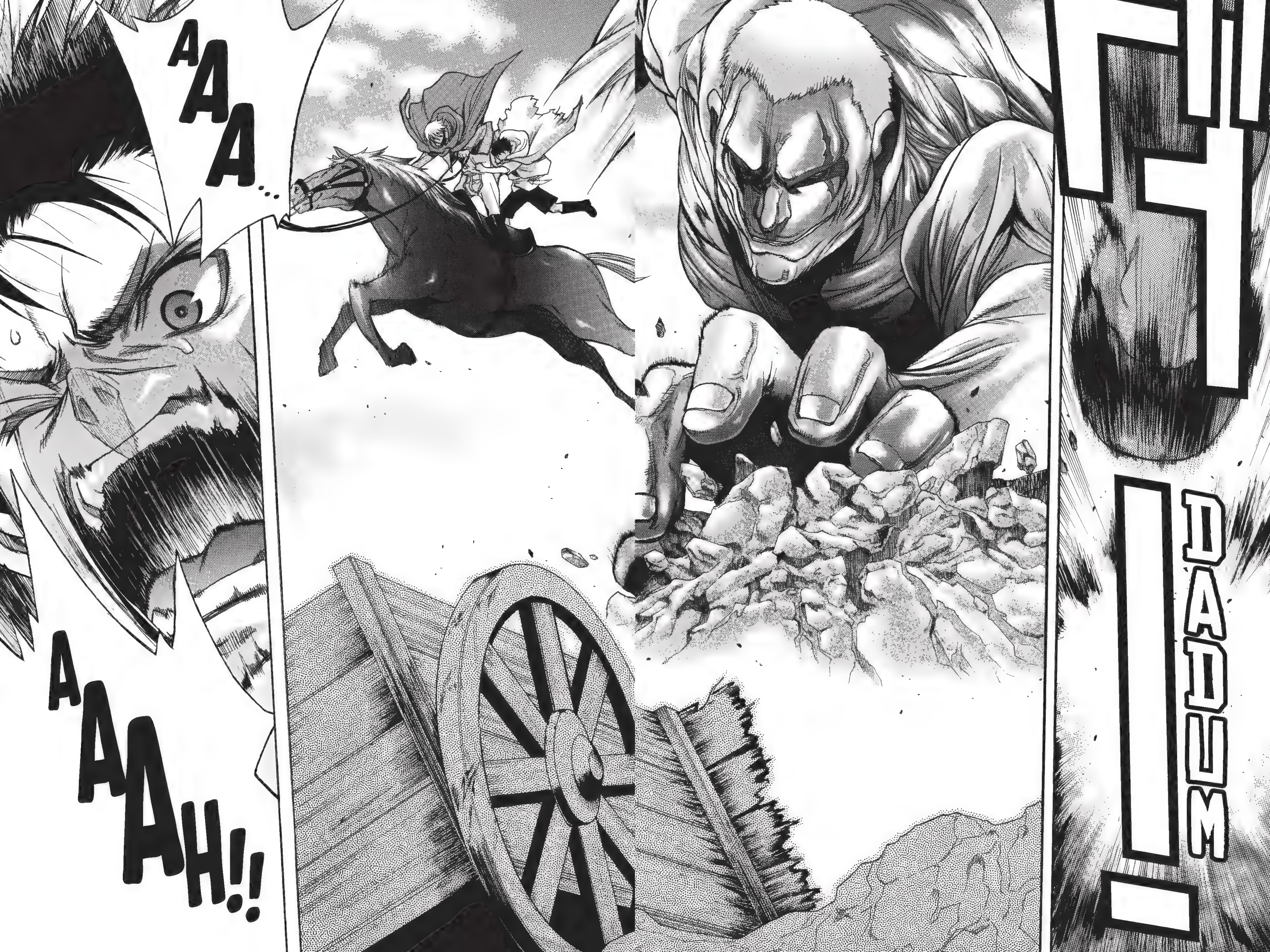
DA DUM
HANG ON, BOY!!
WE'RE GOING TO JUMP!!!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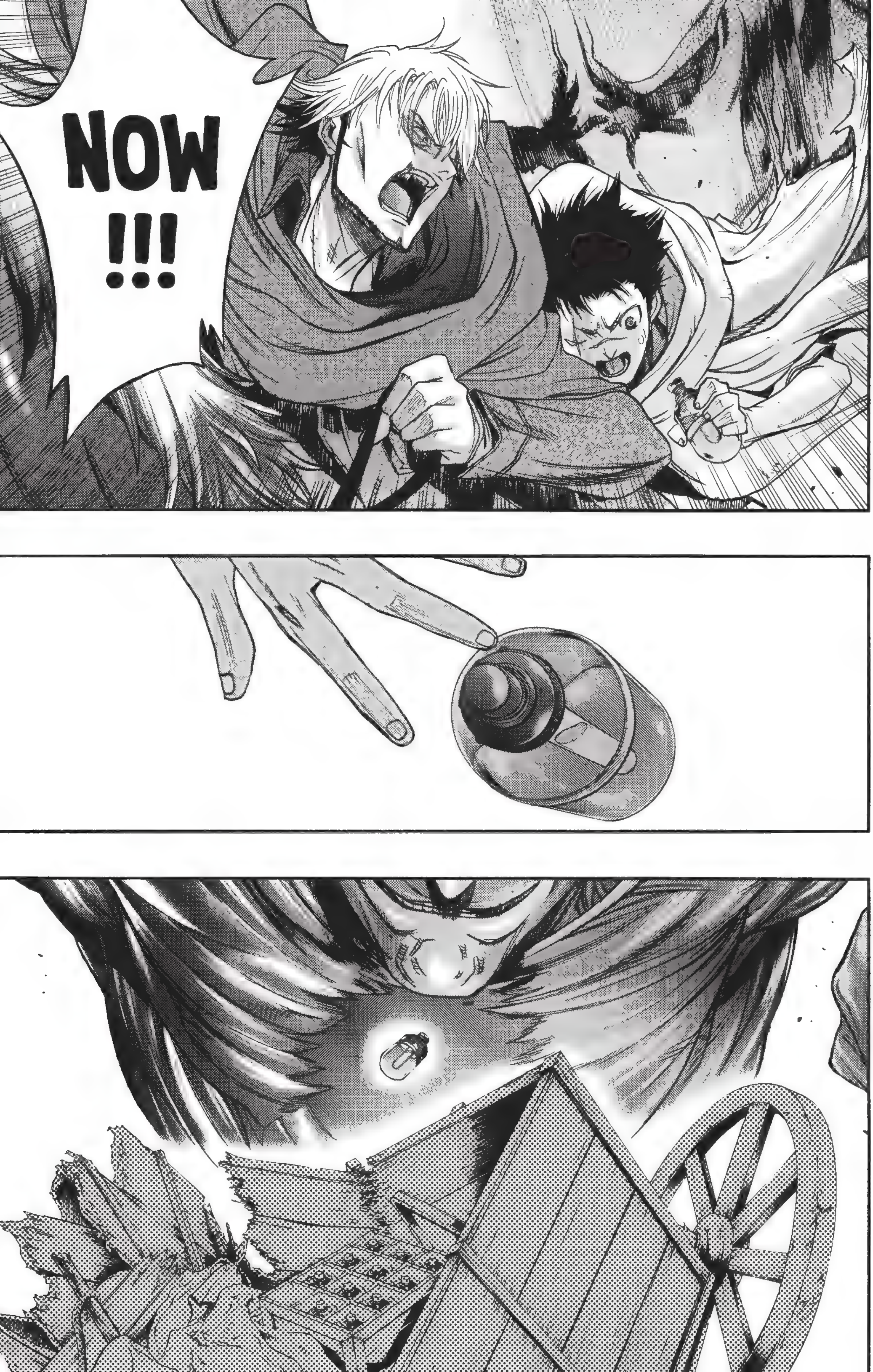
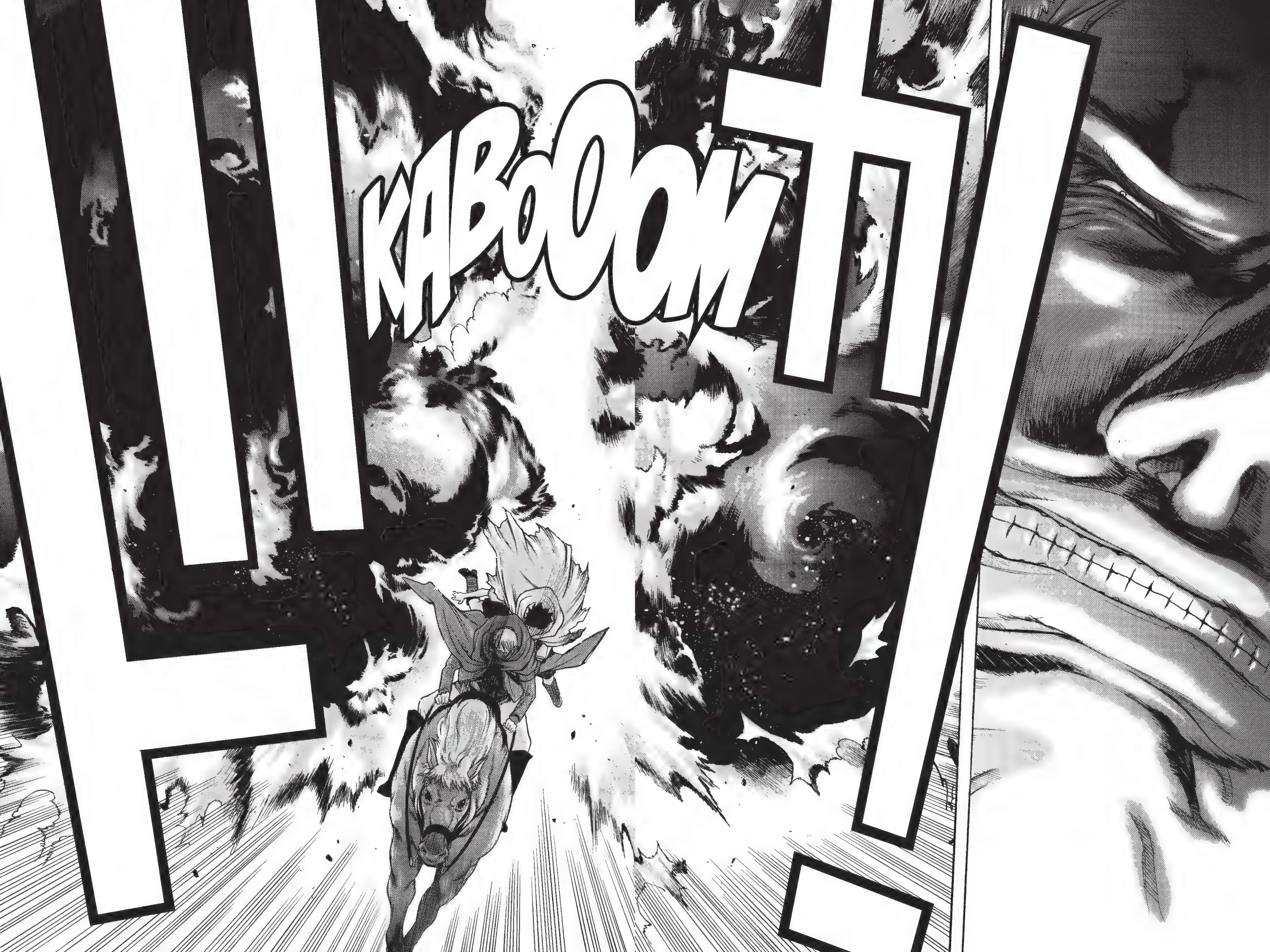
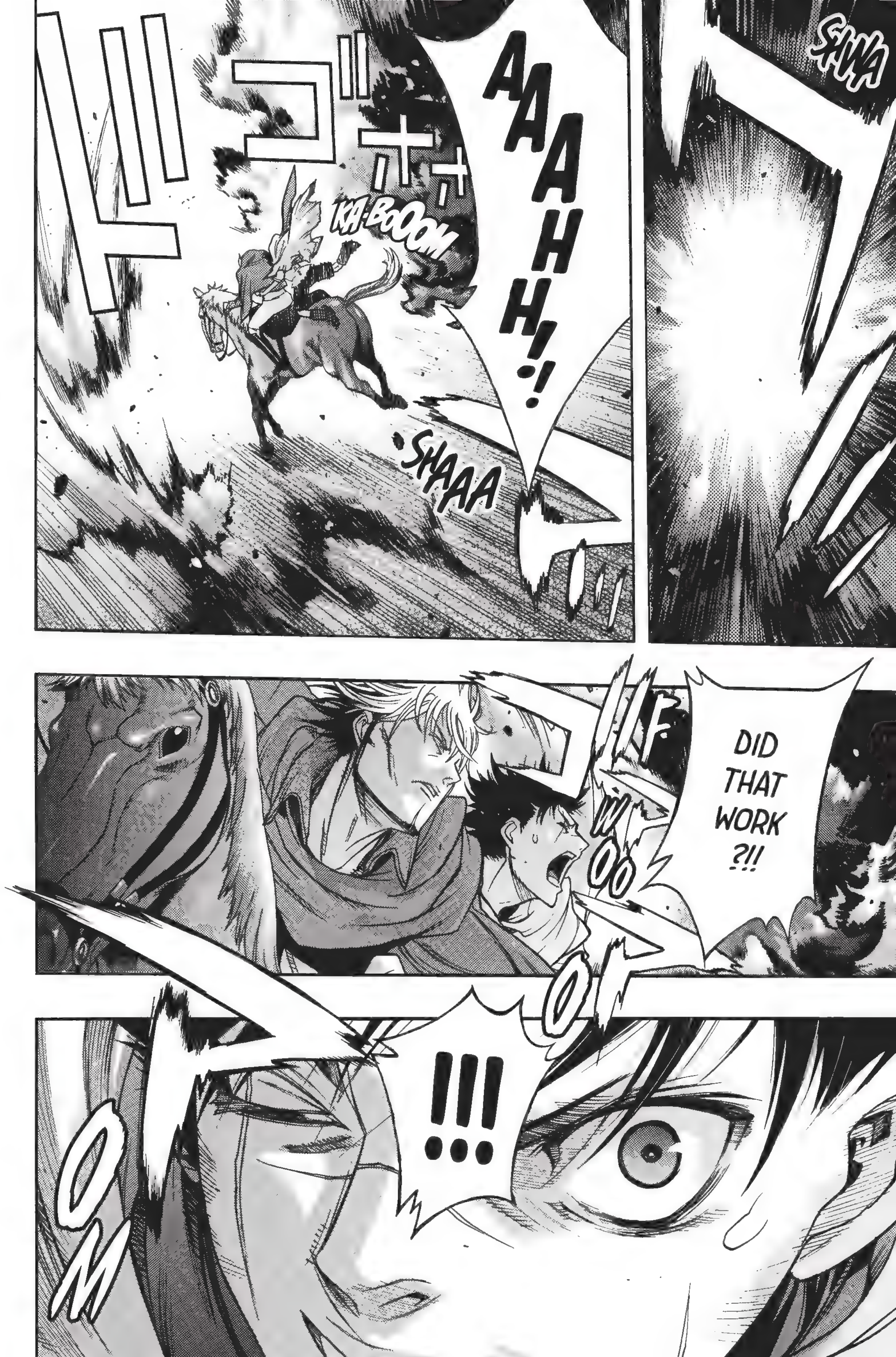
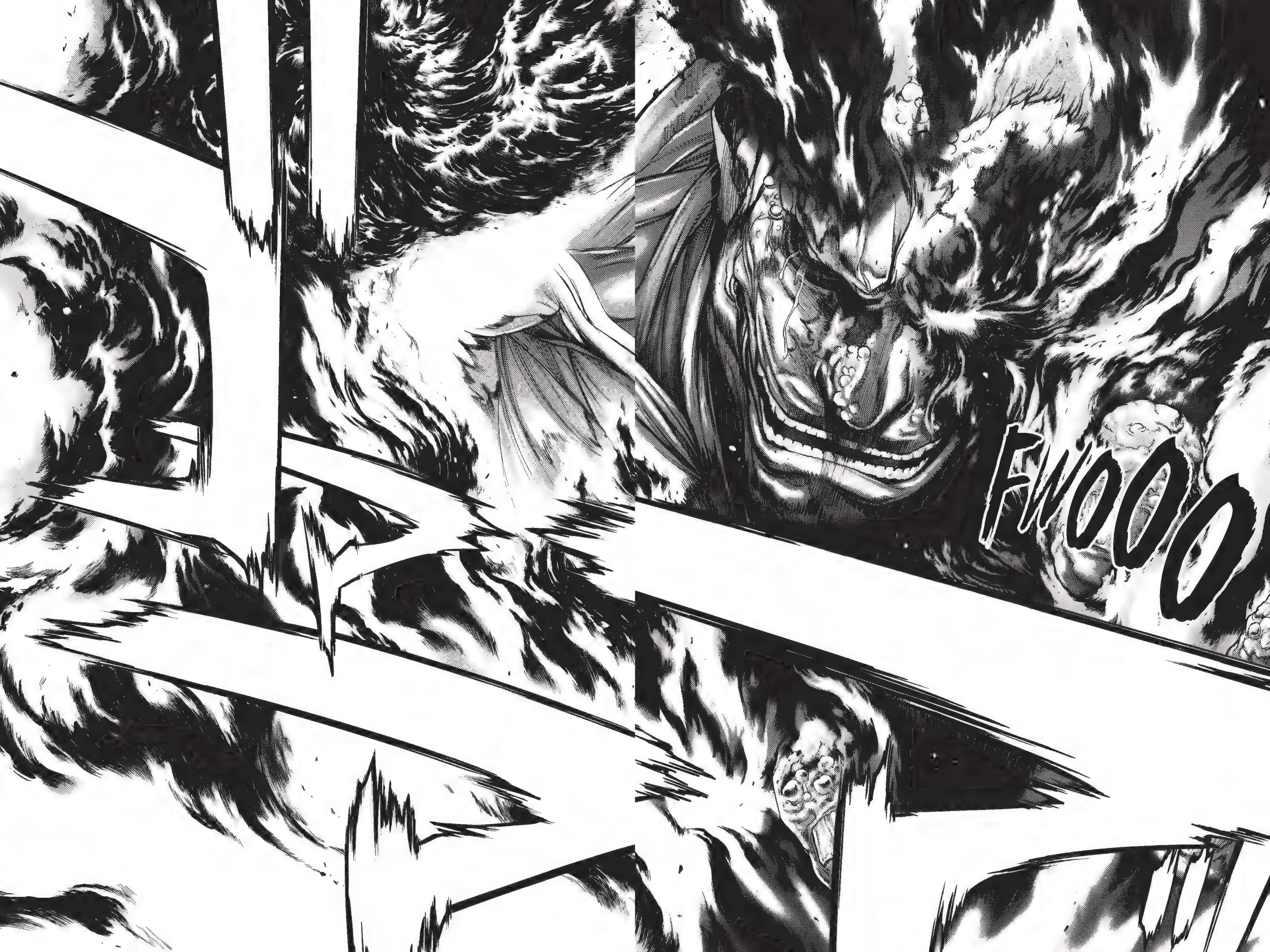
AAA…
AAAAH!!!

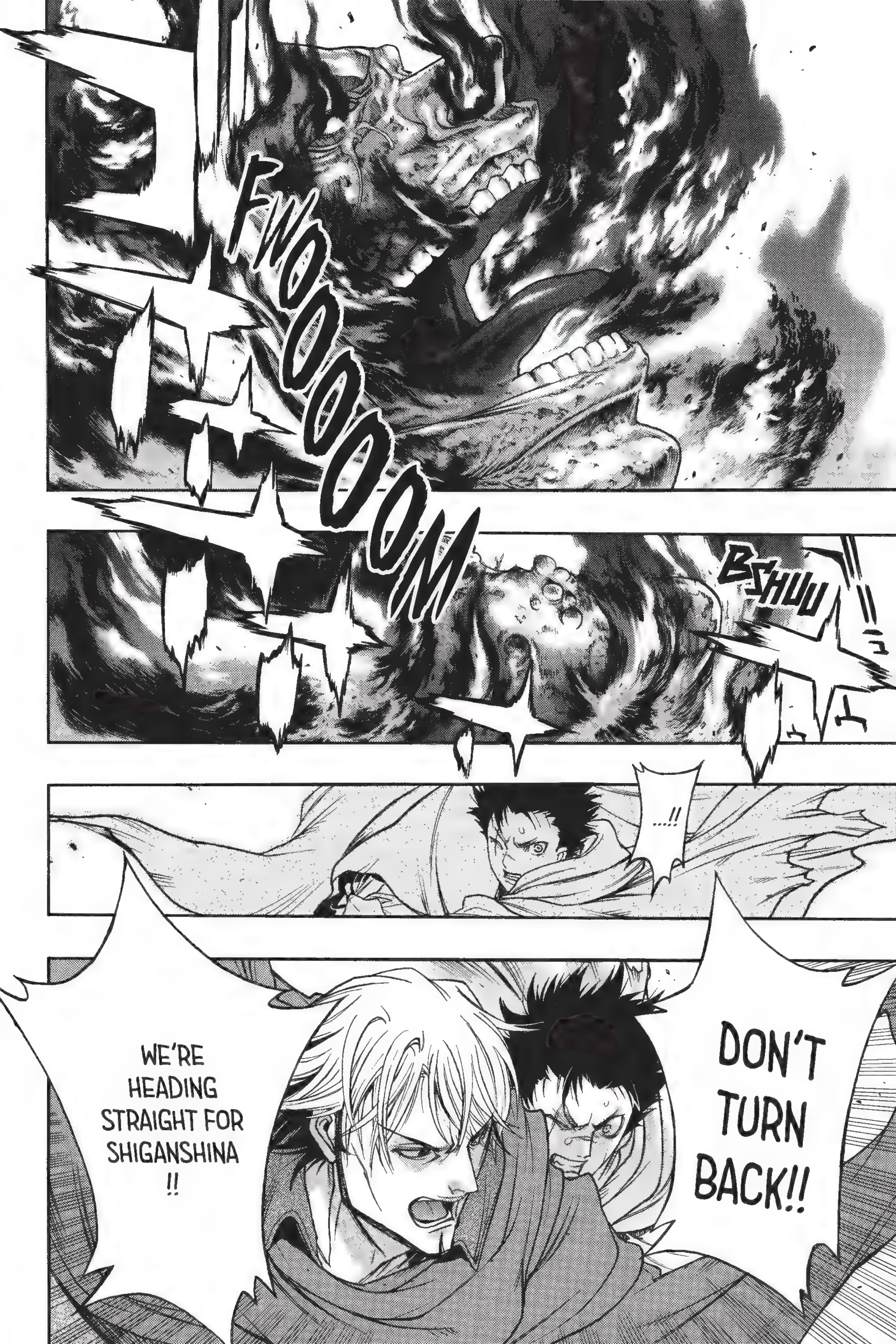

NOW !!!

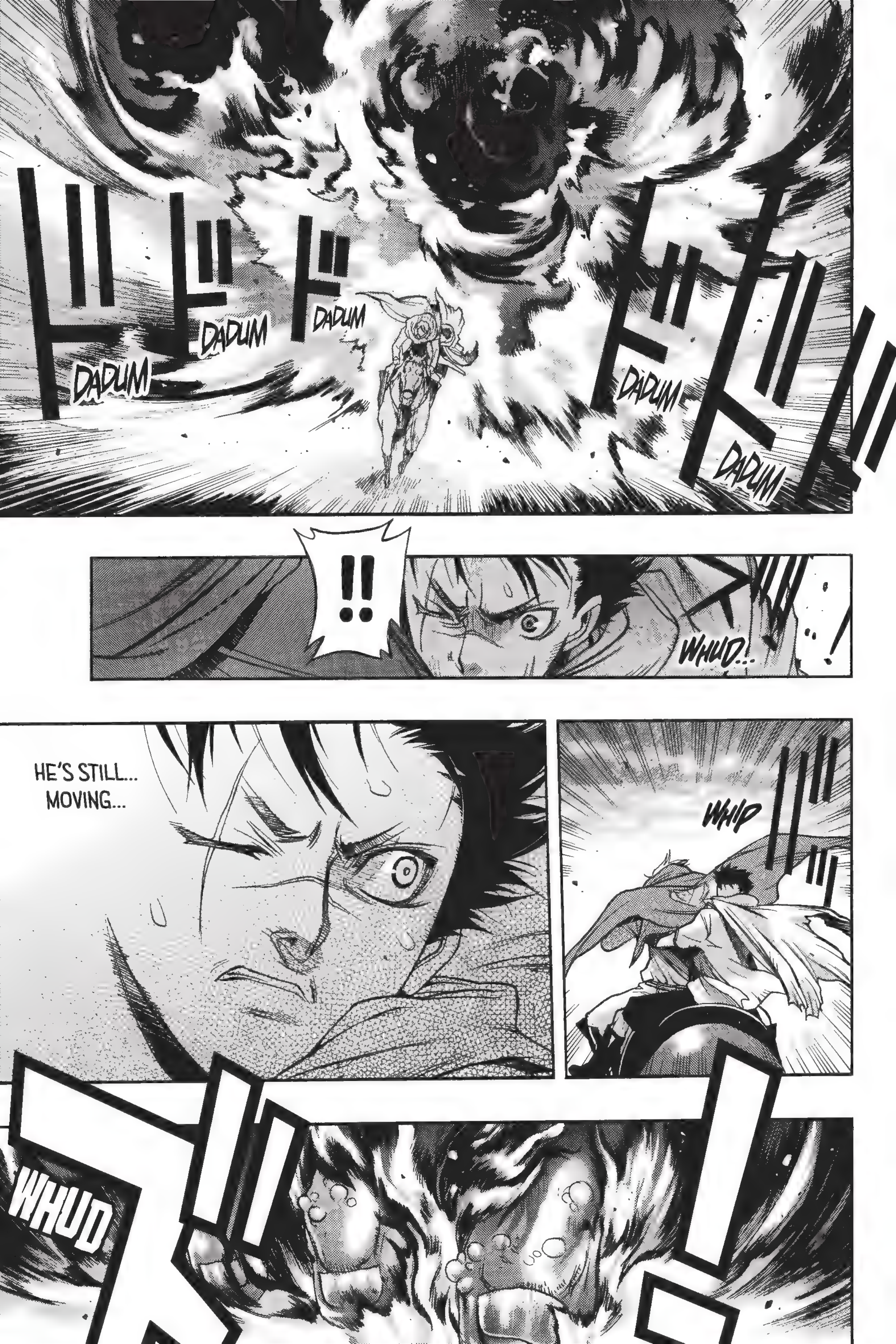

KABOOOM


SHWA
ゴォォ
ドド
KA-BOOOM
AAAAHHH!!
SHAAA
DID THAT WORK ?!!
WOOO
!!!
OOM

FWOOOOOM


FWOOO


FWOOOOOOOM
BSHUU
....!!
DON'T TURN BACK!!
WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR SHIGANSHINA !!


DADUM
DADUM
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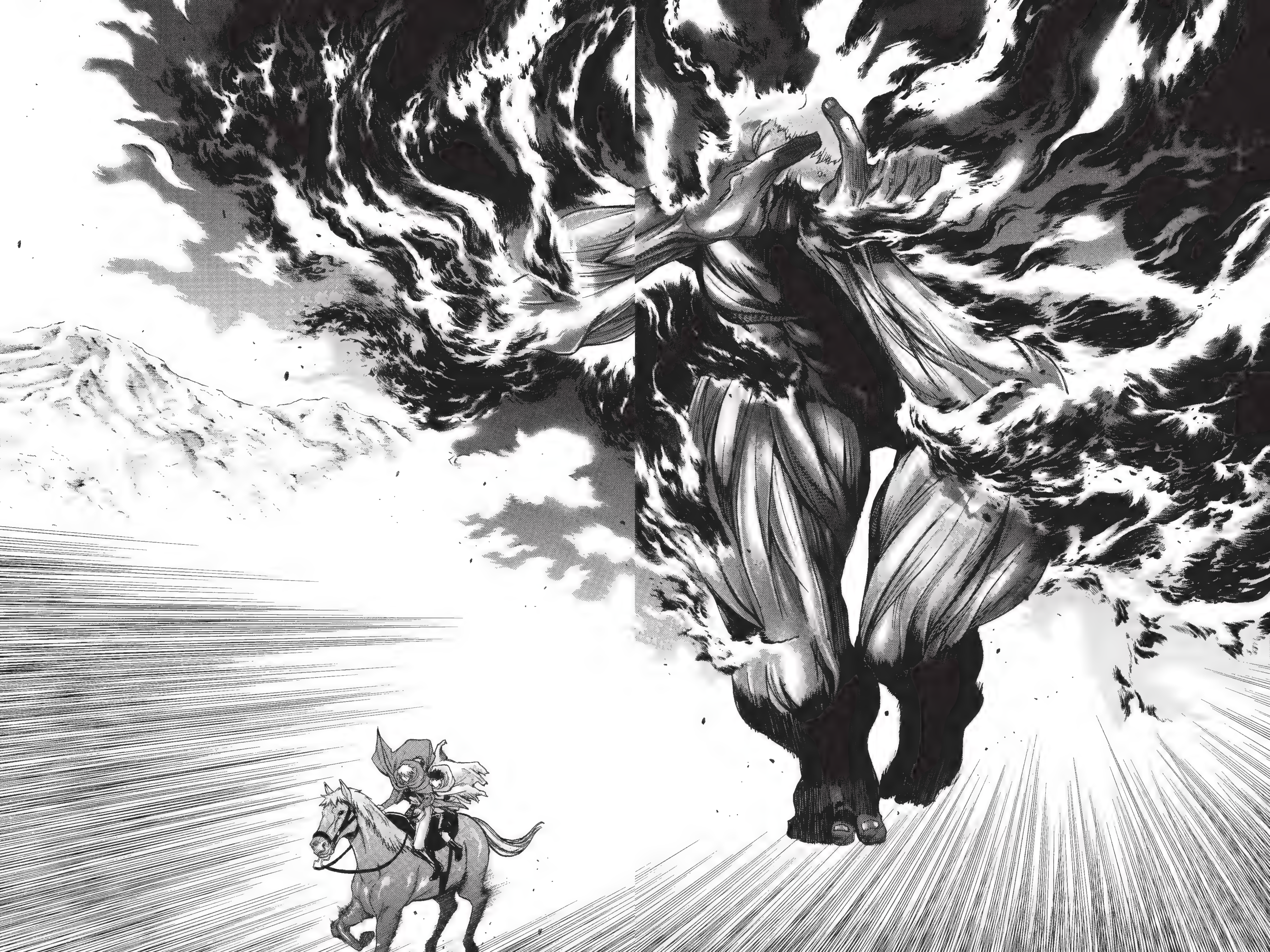
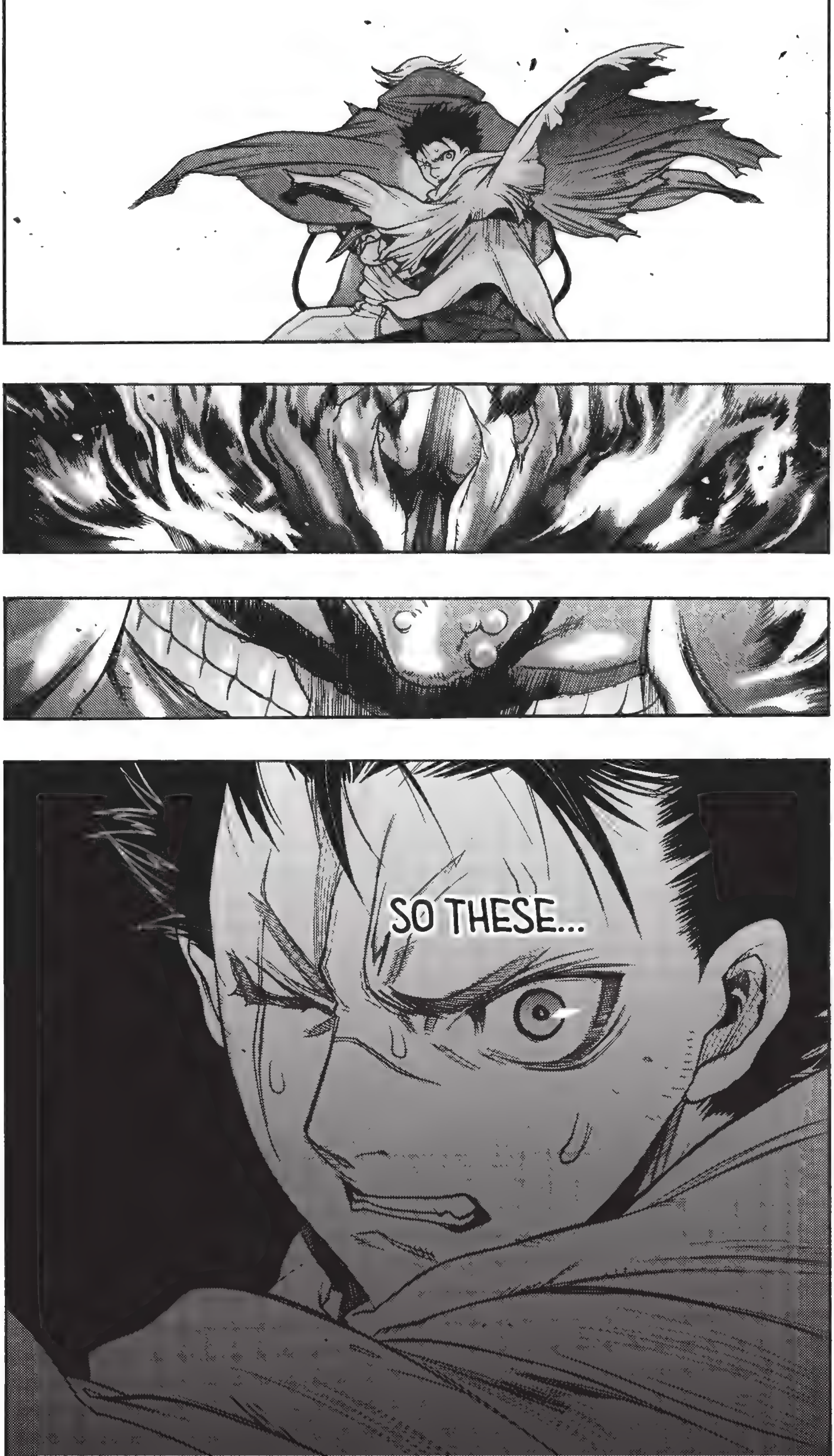
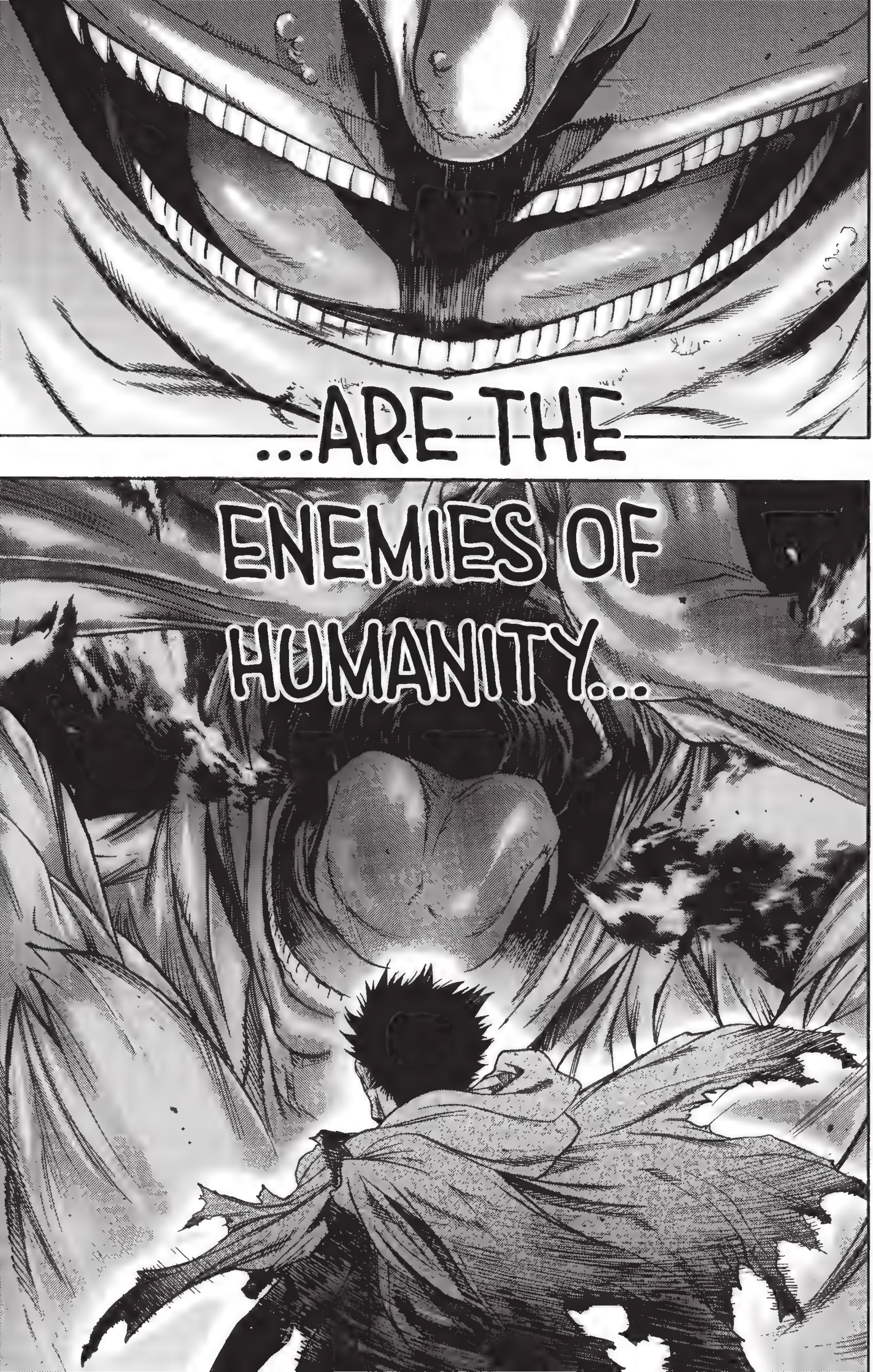
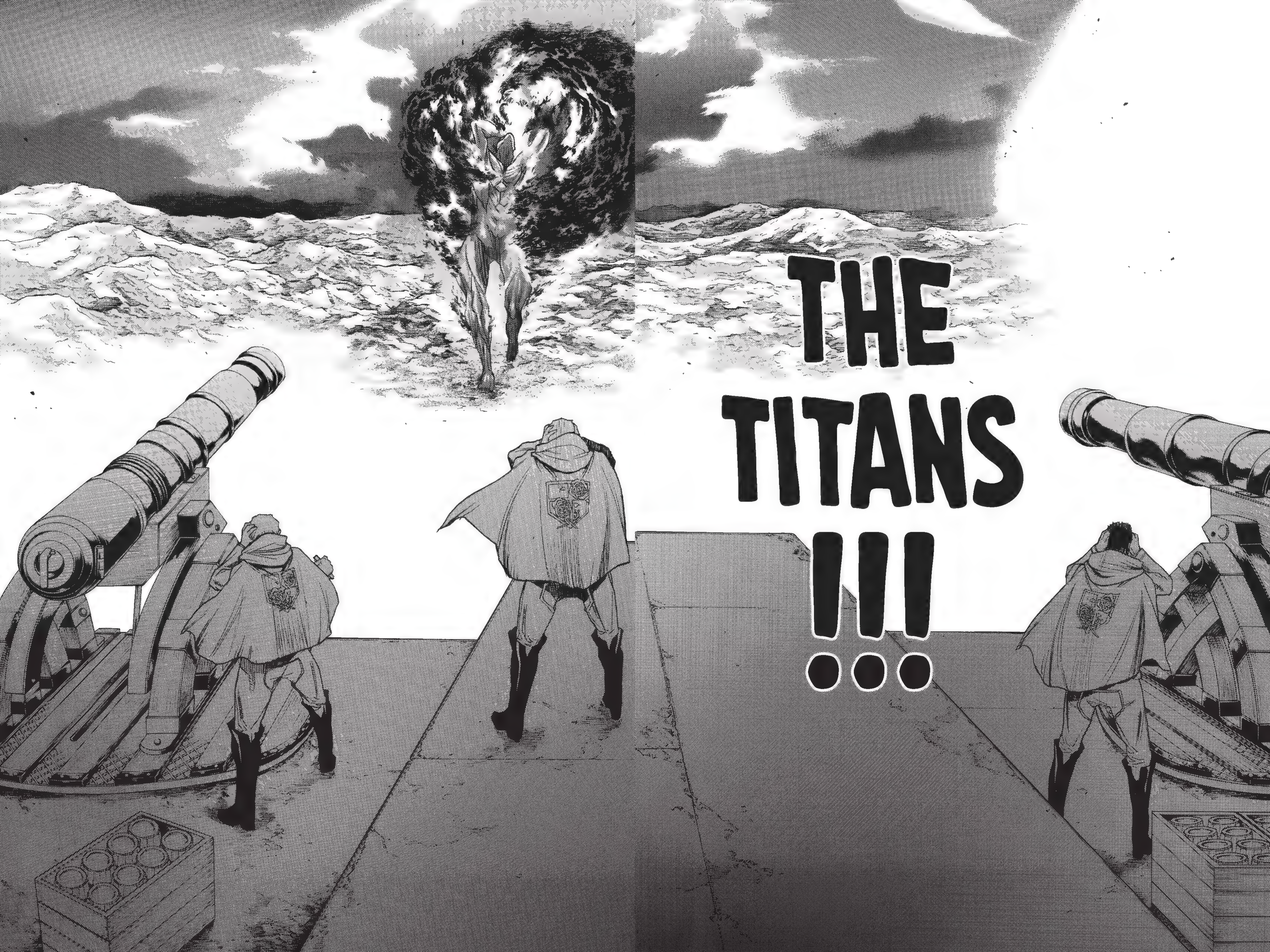
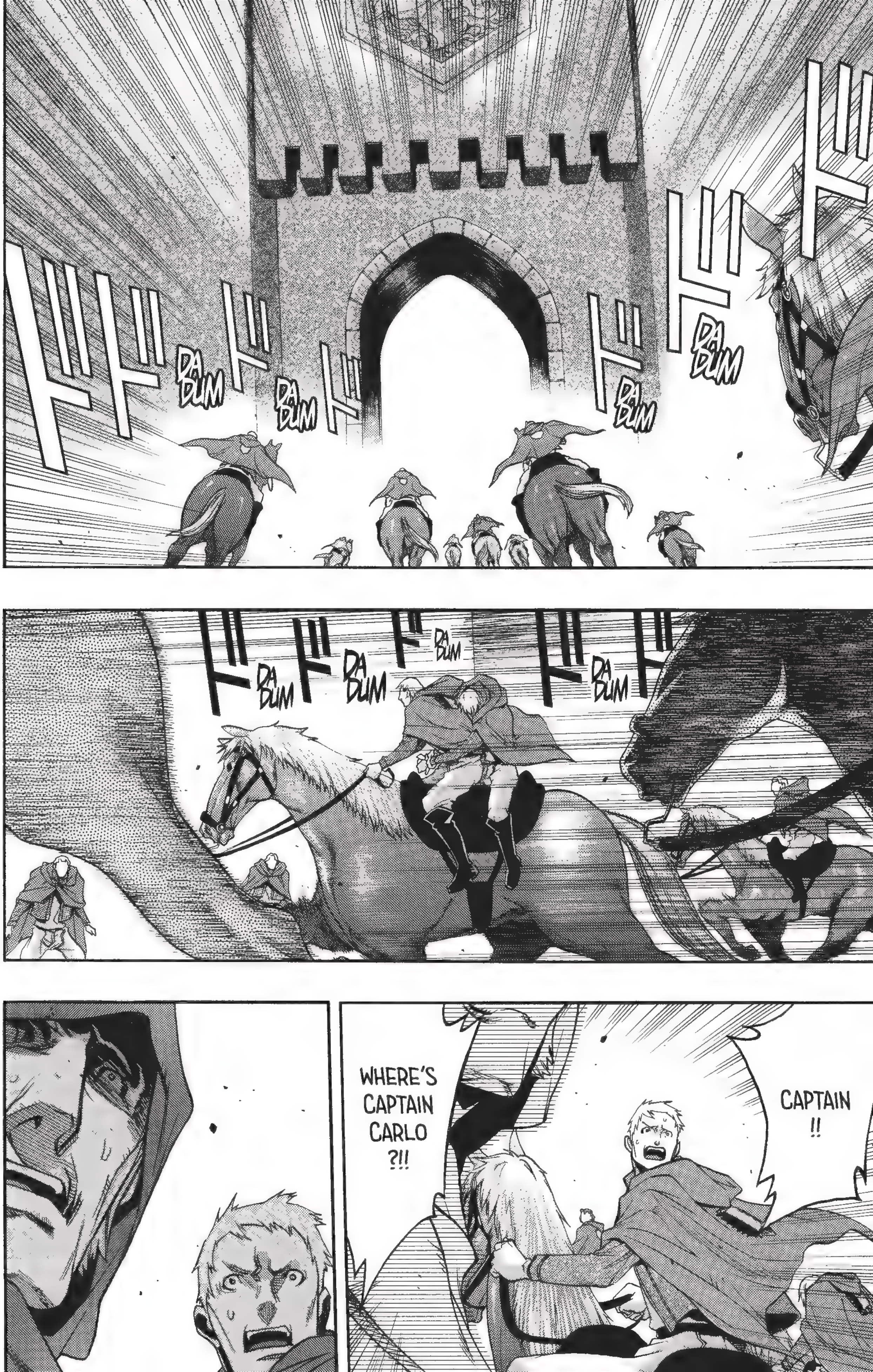
DADUM
WHUD...
!!
WHIP
HE'S STILL... MOVING...
WHUD




SO THESE...


...ARE THE ENEMIES OF HUMANITY...


THE TITANS!!!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DA DUM
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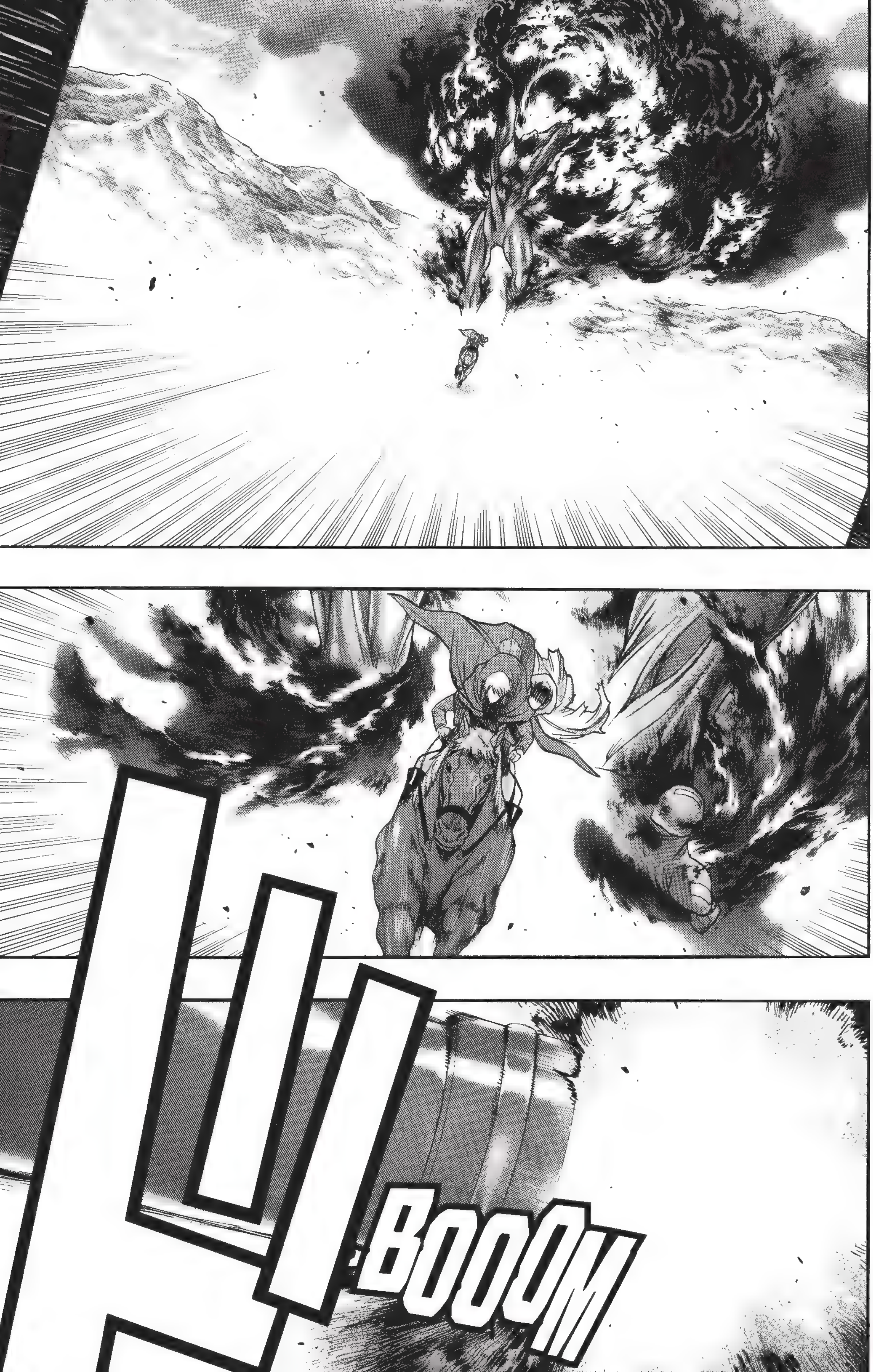
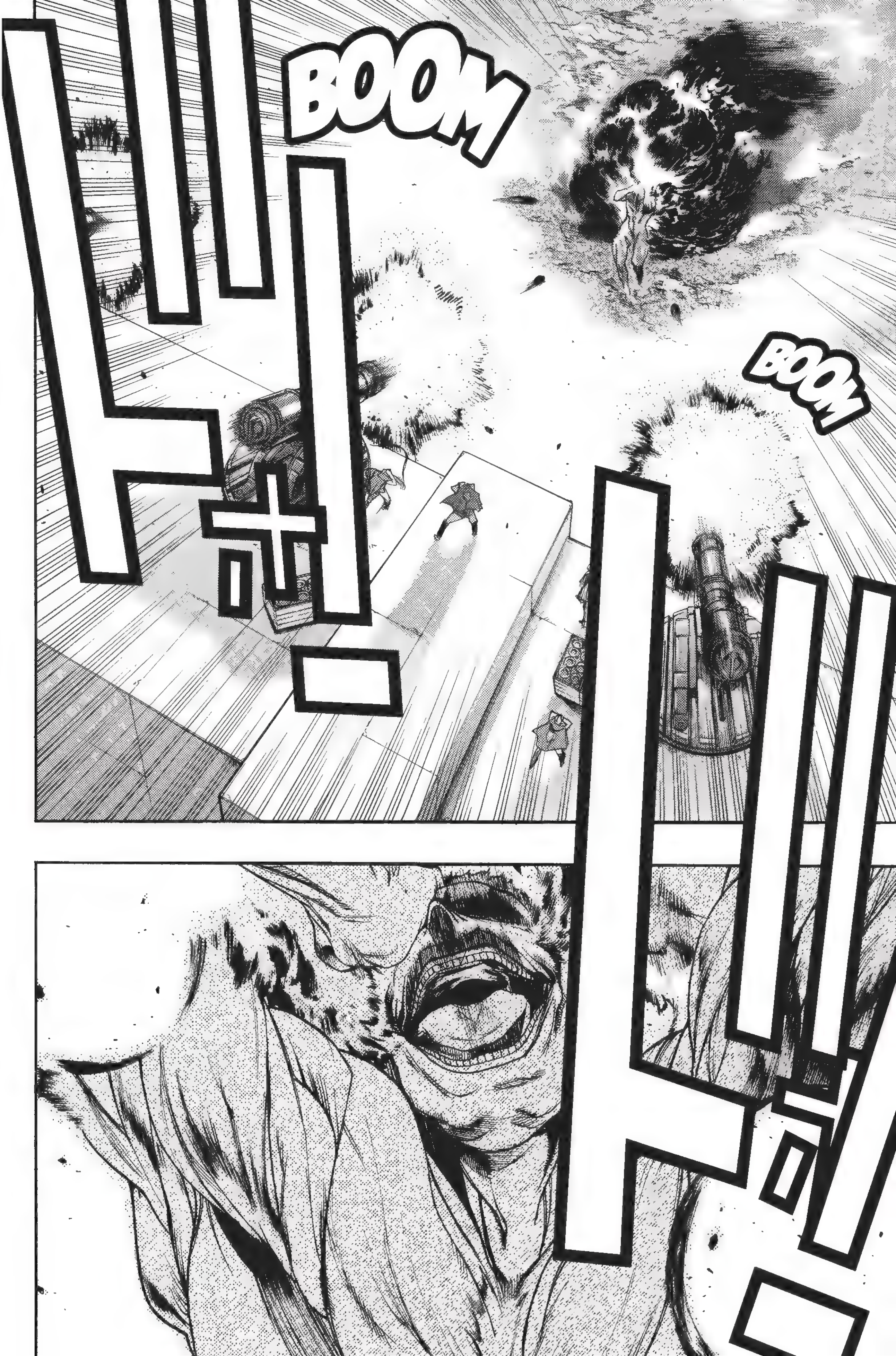
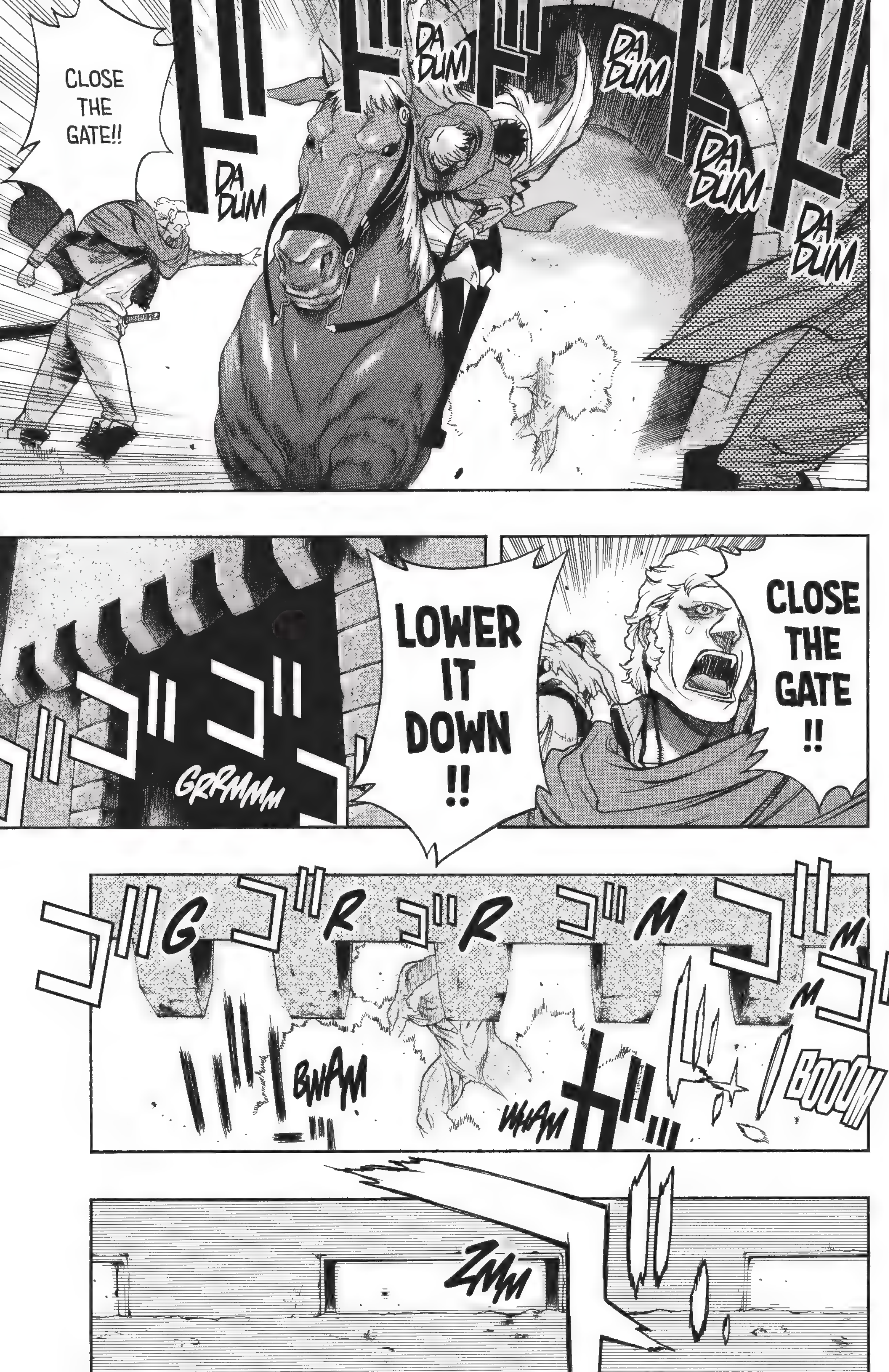
CAPTAIN !!
WHERE'S CAPTAIN CARLO ?!!


BOOOM


BOOM
BOOM
ドォ!
ド!!


CLOSE THE GATE!!
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
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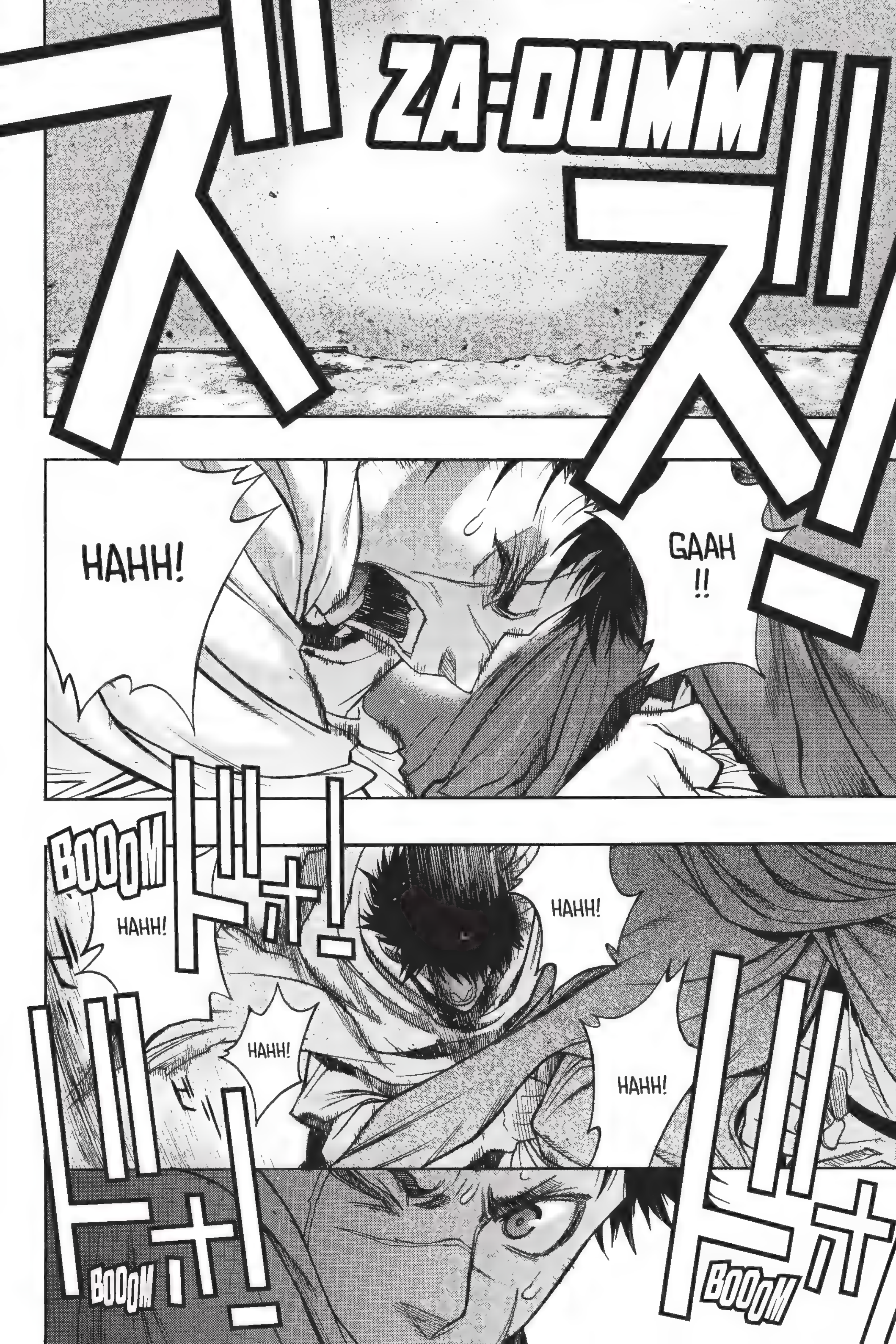
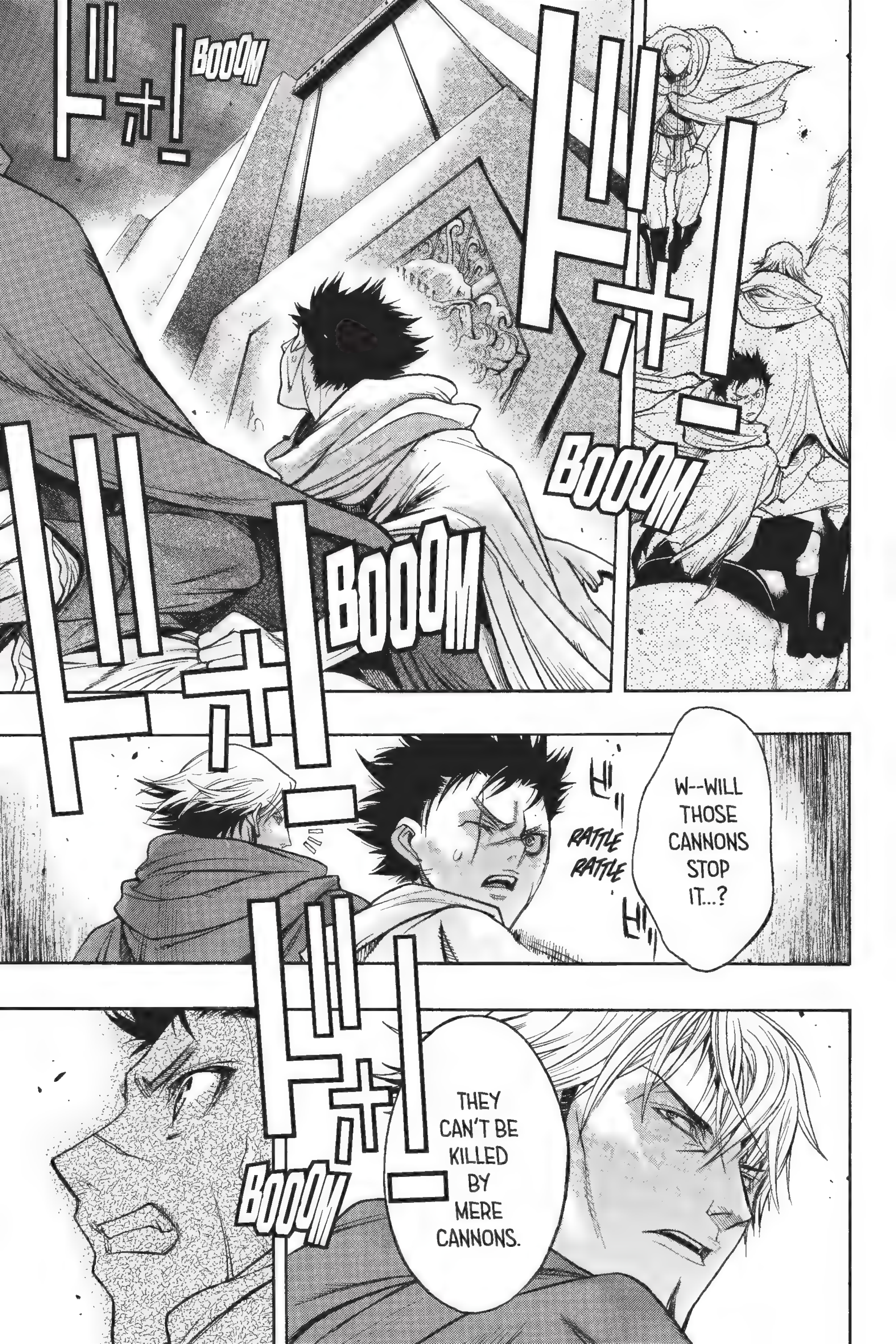
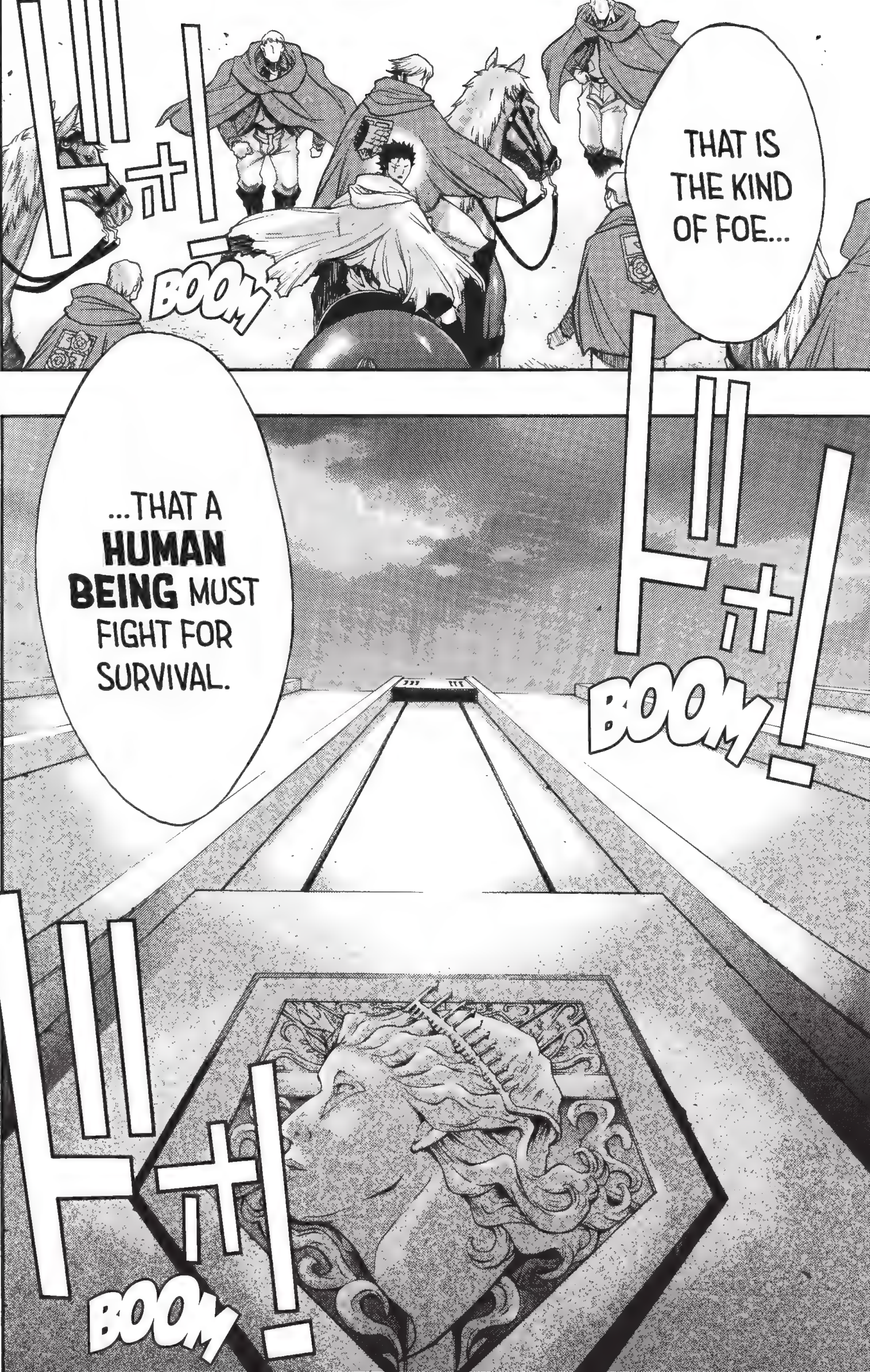
DA DUM
CLOSE THE GATE!!
LOWER IT DOWN!!
GRRMMM
GRRMMM
BWAM
WHAM
BOOOM
ZMM


ズズ!
ZA-DUMM!!
GAAH!!
HAHH!
HAHH!
HAHH!
ドォ!
BOOOM
HAHH!
HAHH!
ドォ
BOOOM
ドォ!
BOOOM!

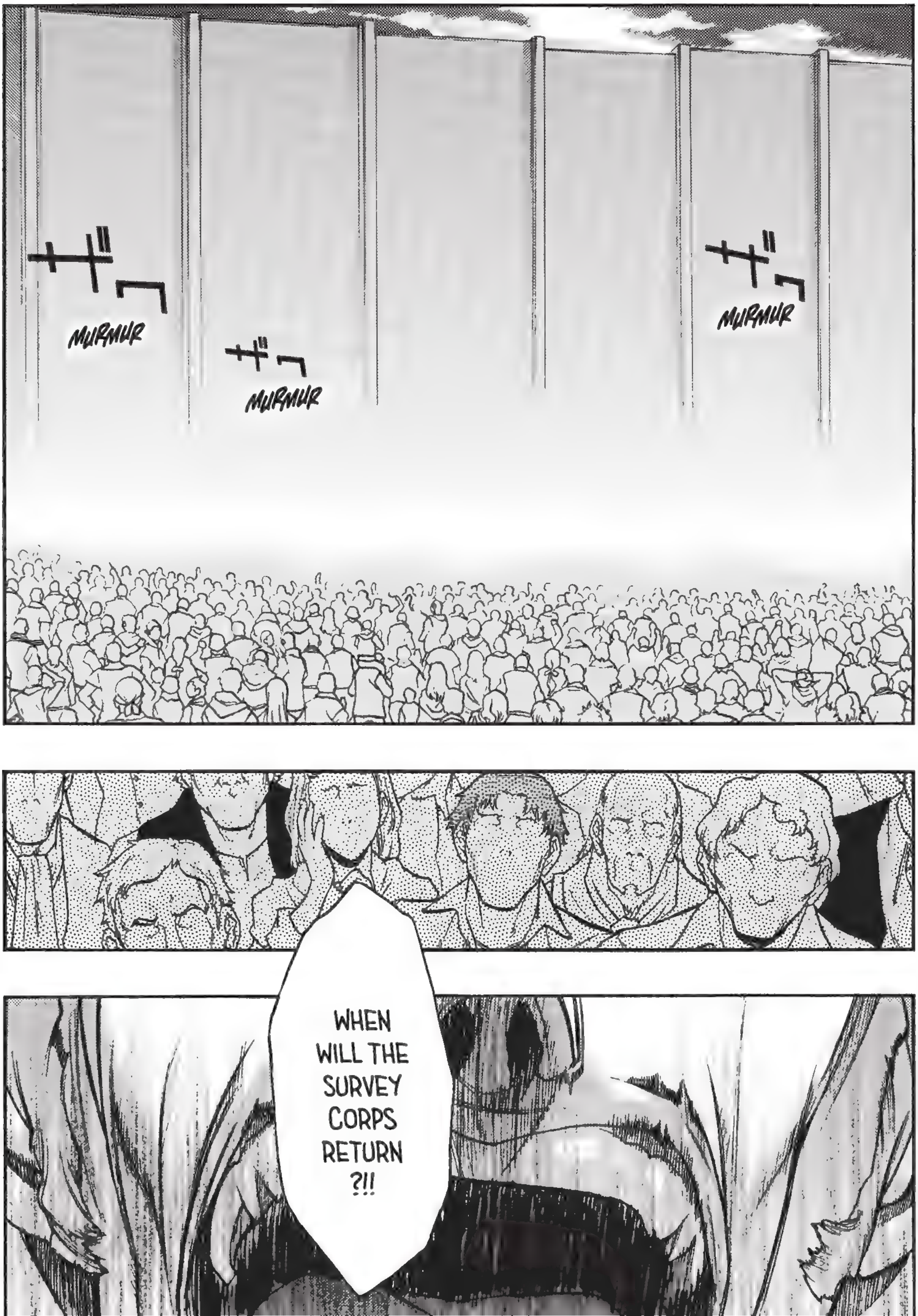

ドォーー!
BOOOM
ドォ!
BOOOM
ドォーー
BOOOM
ビリ
RATTLE RATTLE
ビリ
W--WILL THOSE CANNONS STOP IT...?
ドォーー
BOOOM
THEY CAN'T BE KILLED BY MERE CANNONS.


THAT IS THE KIND OF FOE...
ドォーッ
BOOM
ドォーッ
BOOM!
...THAT A **HUMAN BEING** MUST FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL.
ドォーッ
BOOM!

Chapter 9: The Crimson Tower END

ATTACK
on TITAN
BEFORE THE FALL

Just before the Survey Corps encountered the Titan and returned to Shiganshina District...


ザワ
MURMUR
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MURMUR
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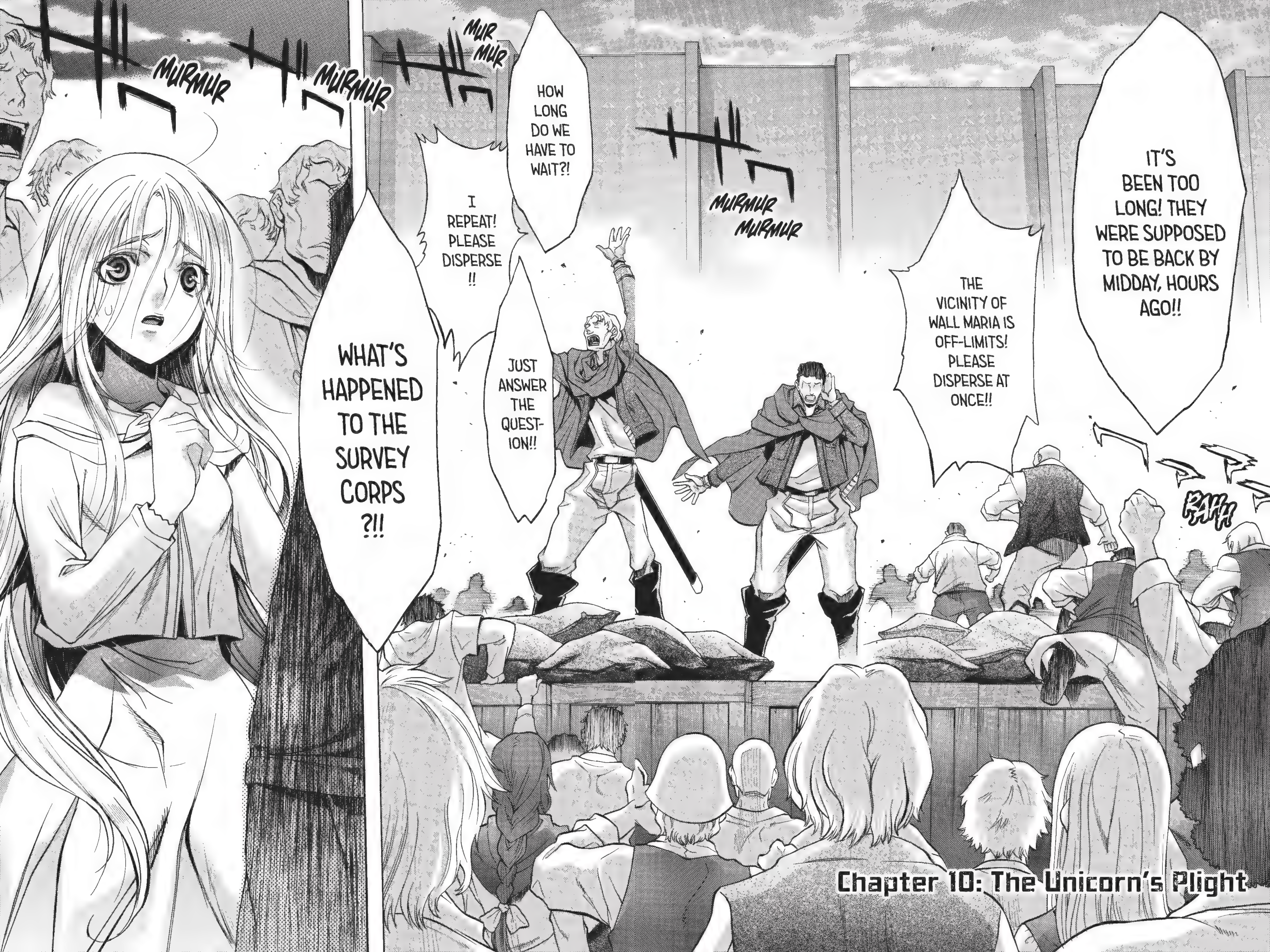
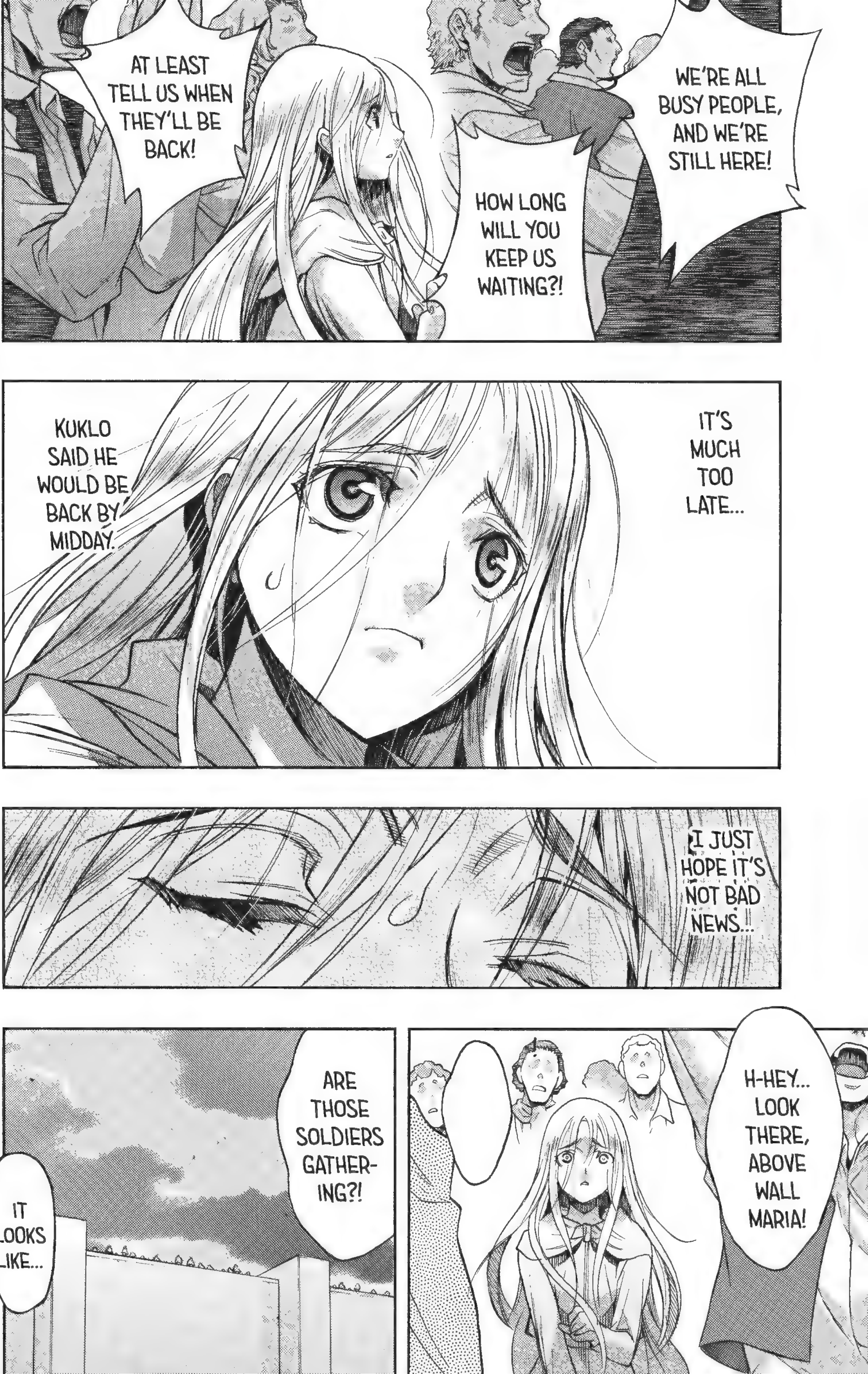
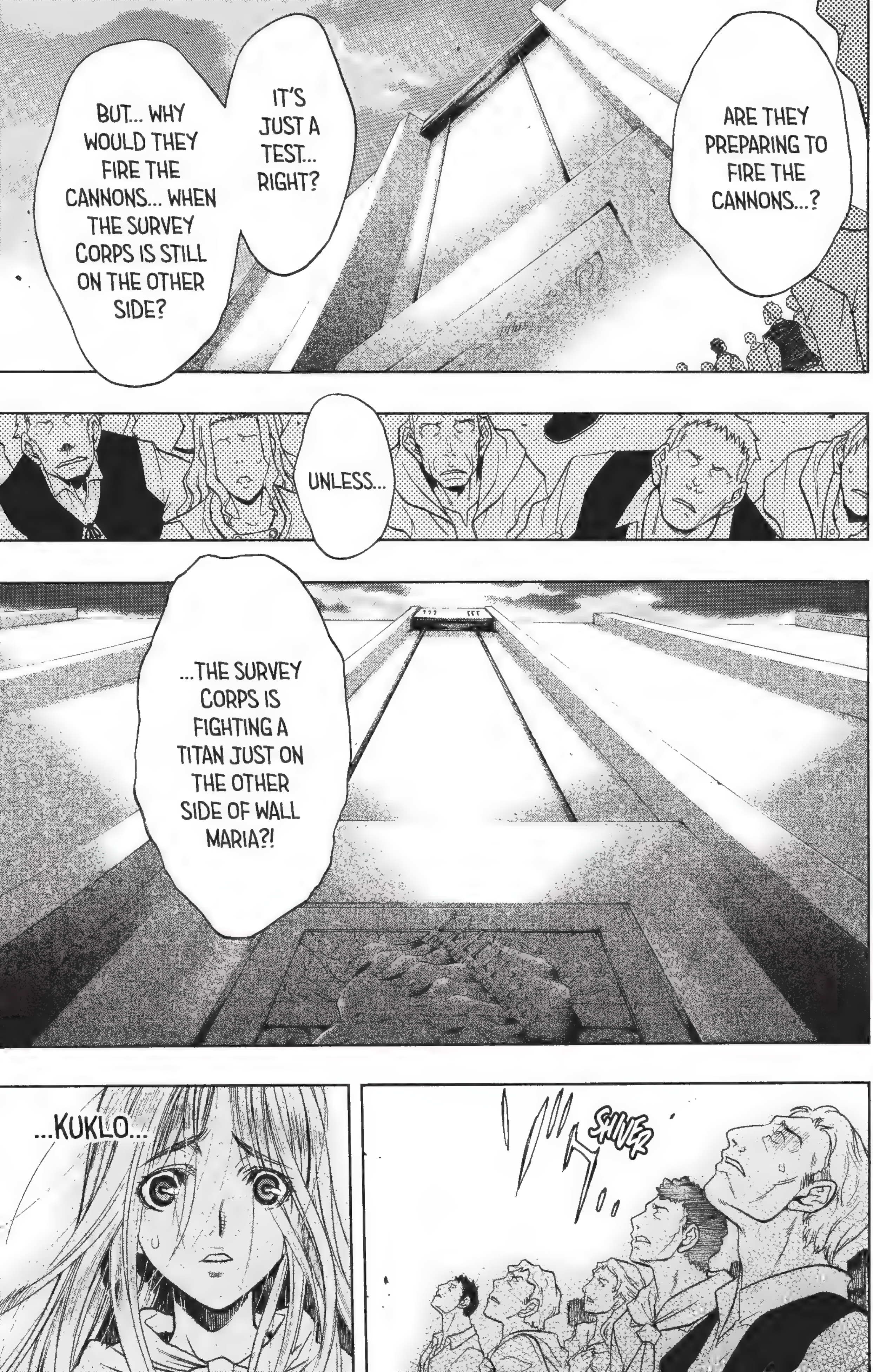
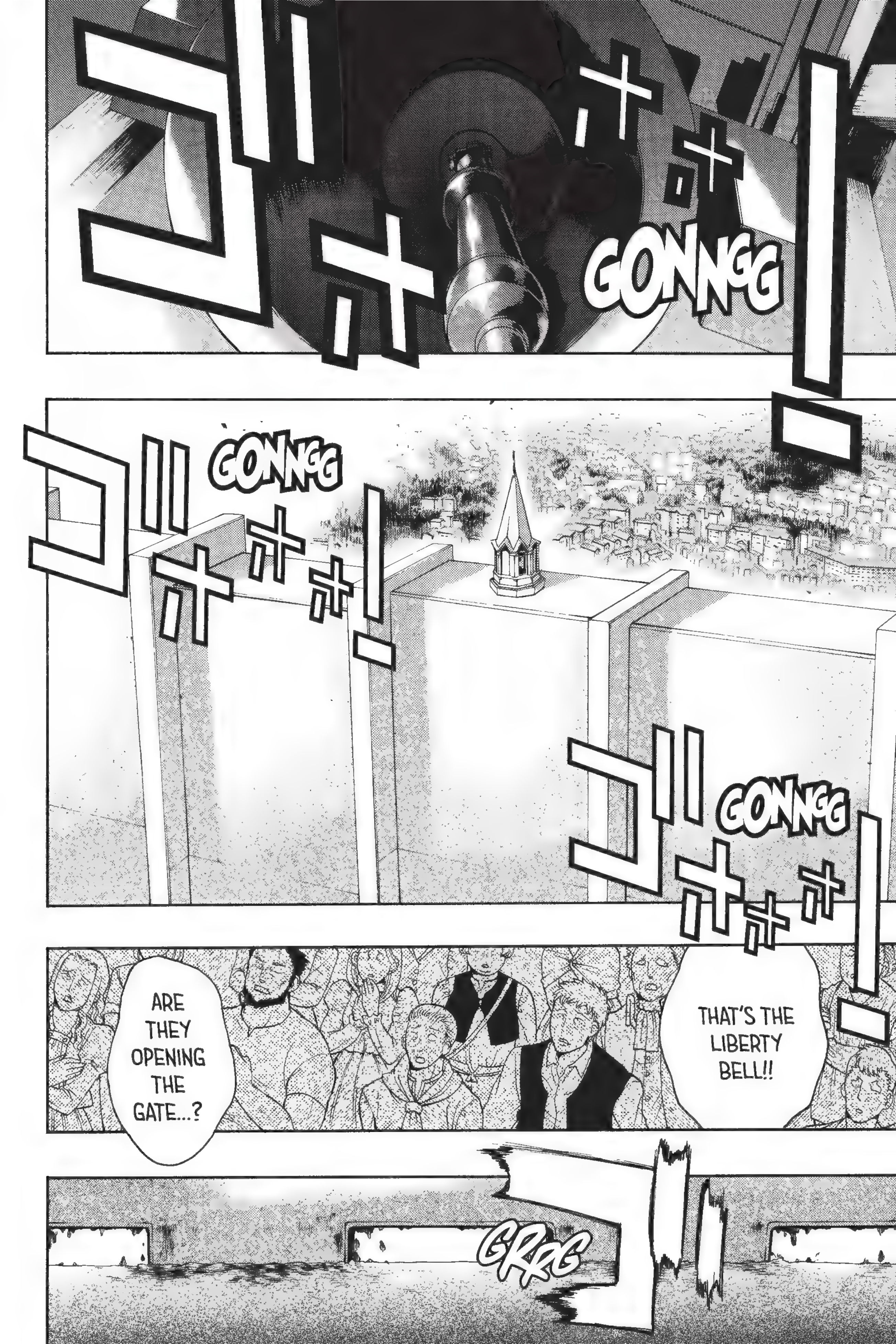
MURMUR
WHEN WILL THE SURVEY CORPS RETURN ?!!


IT'S BEEN TOO LONG! THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE BACK BY MIDDAY, HOURS AGO!!
RAH!!
THE VICINITY OF WALL MARIA IS OFF-LIMITS! PLEASE DISPERSE AT ONCE!!
MURMUR MURMUR
HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO WAIT?!
MUR MUR
I REPEAT! PLEASE DISPERSE!!
JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION!!
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE SURVEY CORPS?!!
MURMUR
MURMUR

Chapter 10: The Unicorn's Plight


WE'RE ALL BUSY PEOPLE, AND WE'RE STILL HERE!
HOW LONG WILL YOU KEEP US WAITING?!
AT LEAST TELL US WHEN THEY'LL BE BACK!
IT'S JUST MUCH TOO LATE...
KUKLO SAID HE WOULD BE BACK BY MIDDAY.
I JUST HOPE IT'S NOT BAD NEWS...
H-HEY... LOOK THERE, ABOVE WALL MARIA!
ARE THOSE SOLDIERS GATHERING?!
IT LOOKS LIKE...


ARE THEY PREPARING TO FIRE THE CANNONS...?
IT'S JUST A TEST... RIGHT?
BUT... WHY WOULD THEY FIRE THE CANNONS... WHEN THE SURVEY CORPS IS STILL ON THE OTHER SIDE?
UNLESS...
...THE SURVEY CORPS IS FIGHTING A TITAN JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF WALL MARIA?!
SHIVER
...KUKLO...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THAT'S THE LIBERTY BELL!!
ARE THEY OPENING THE GATE...?
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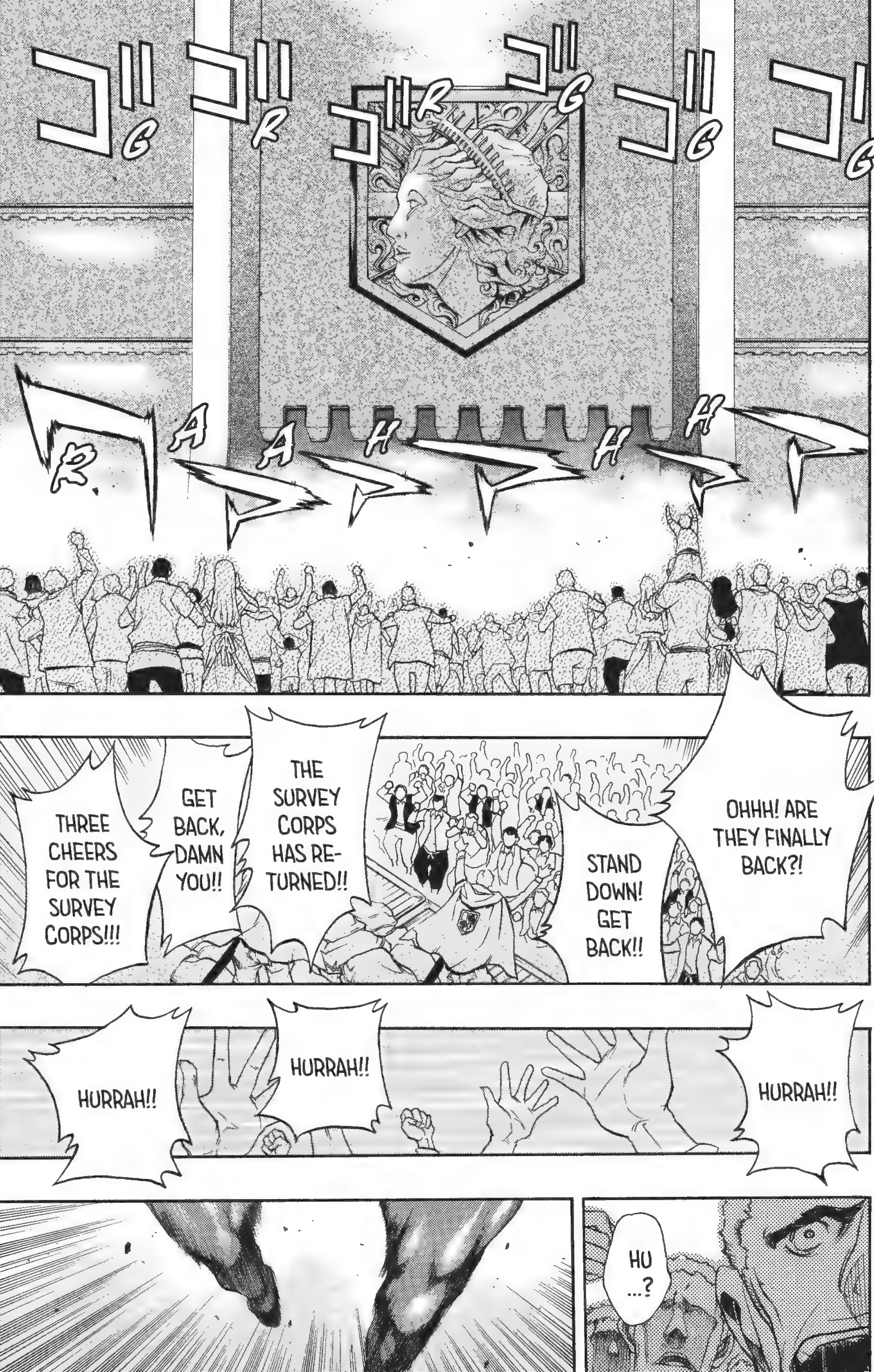
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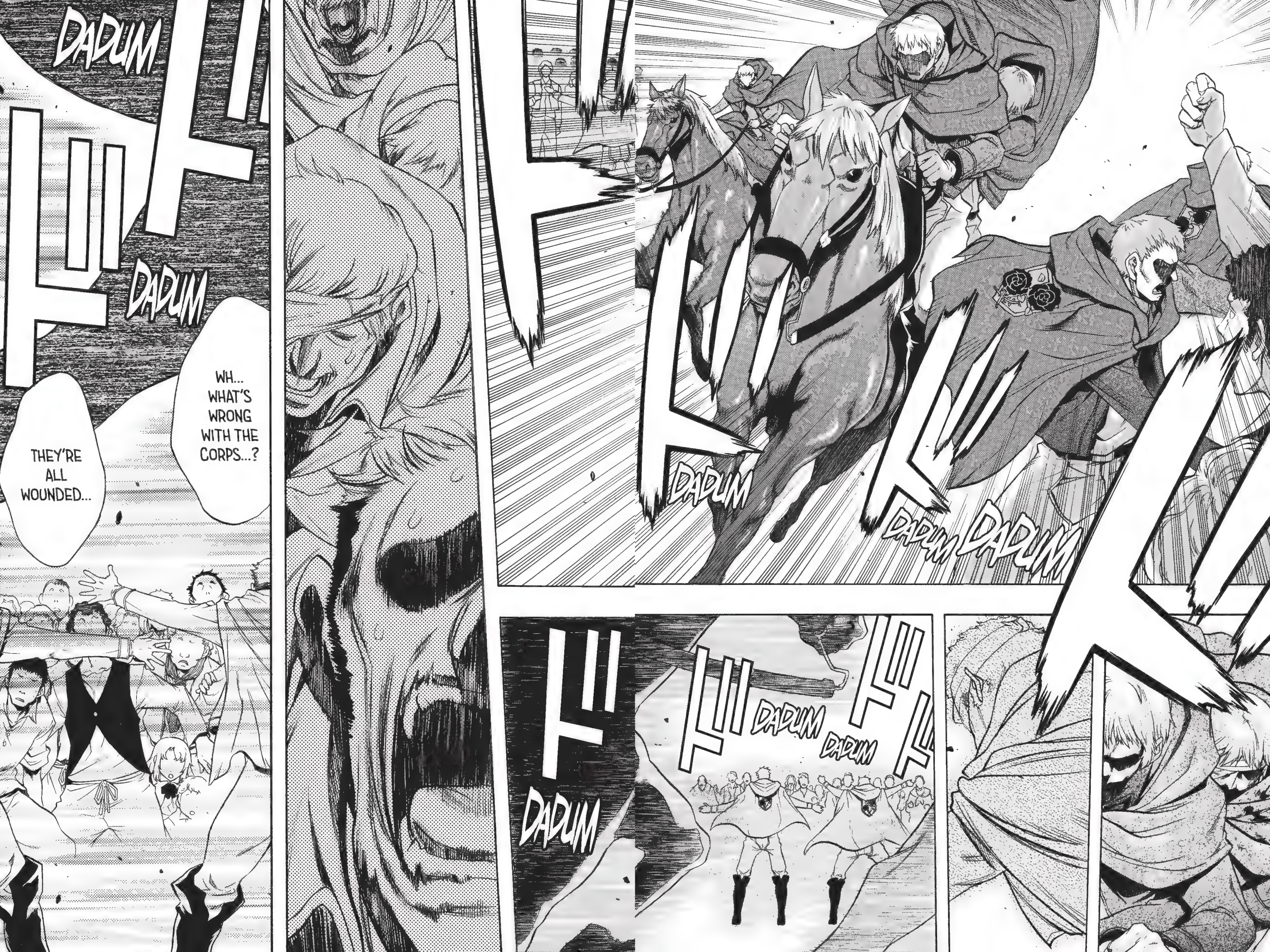
OHHH! ARE THEY FINALLY BACK?!
STAND DOWN! GET BACK!!
THE SURVEY CORPS HAS RETURNED!!
GET BACK, DAMN YOU!!
THREE CHEERS FOR THE SURVEY CORPS!!!
HURRAH!!
HURRAH!!
HURRAH!!
HU …?


DADUM
DADUM
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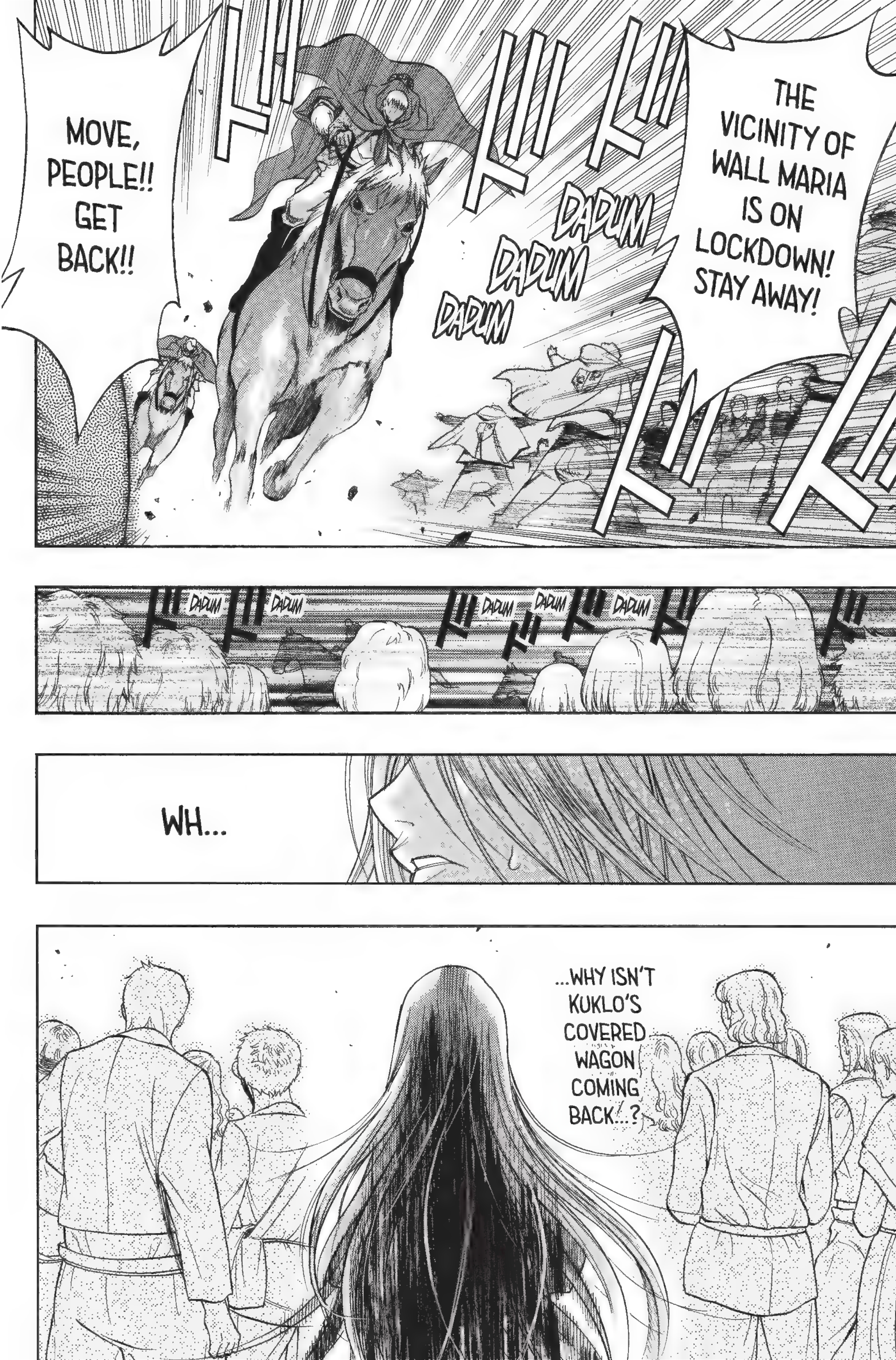
WH... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CORPS...?
THEY'RE ALL WOUNDED...


THE VICINITY OF WALL MARIA IS ON LOCKDOWN! STAY AWAY!
MOVE, PEOPLE!! GET BACK!!
DADUM
DADUM
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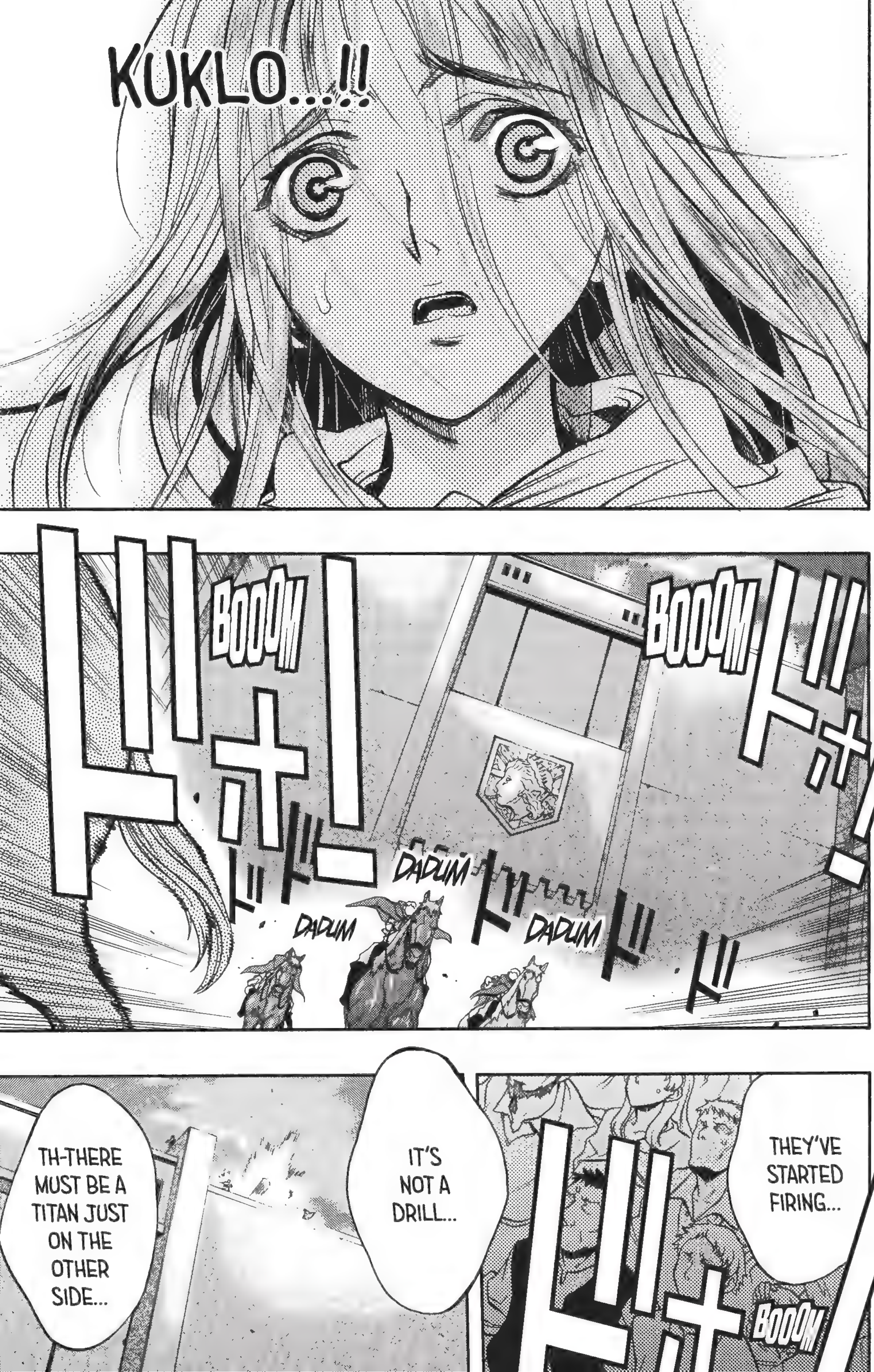
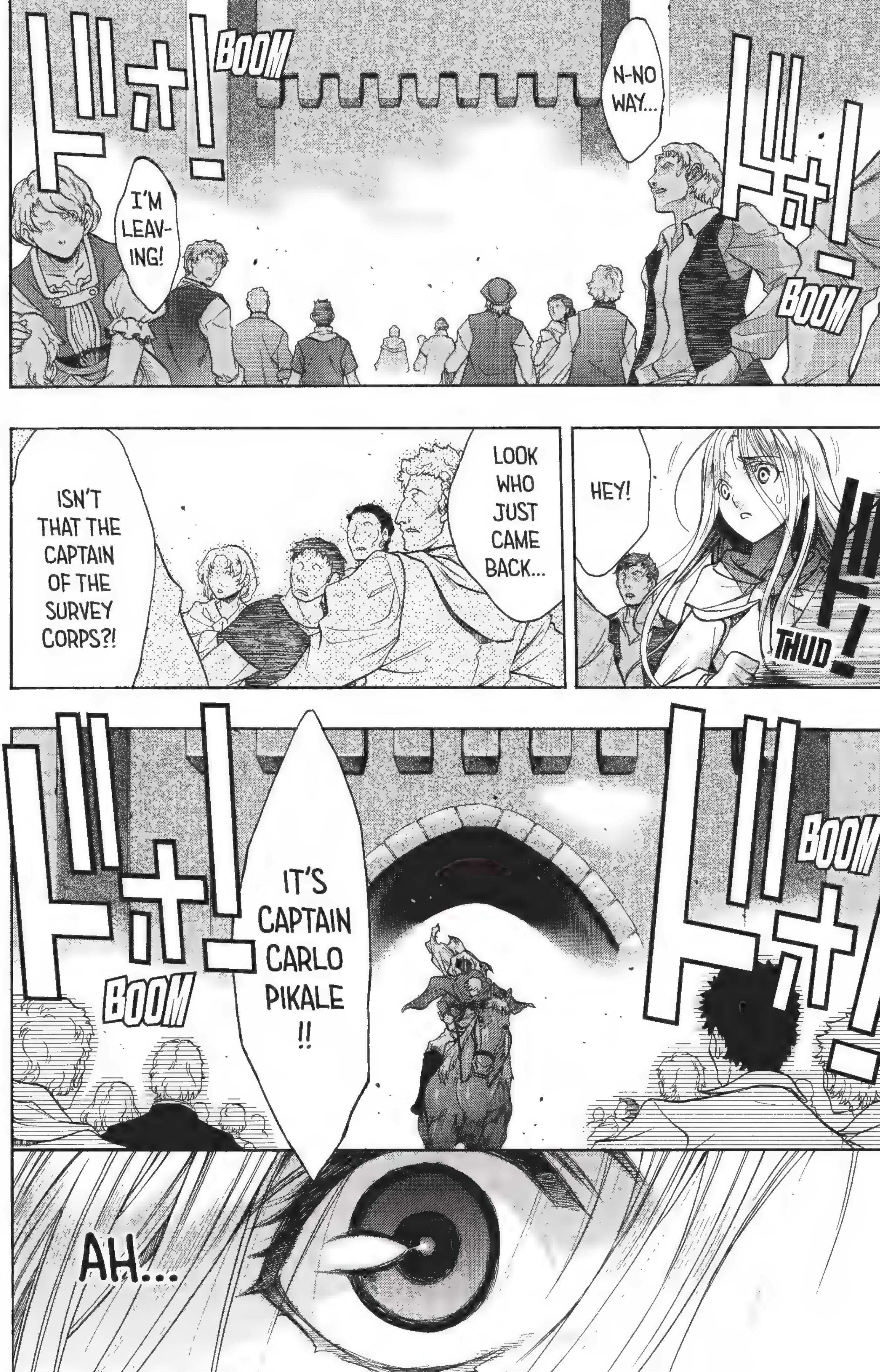
WH...
...WHY ISN'T KUKLO'S COVERED WAGON COMING BACK...?


KUKLO...!!
BOOOM
BOOOM
DADUM
DADUM
DADUM
THEY'VE STARTED FIRING...
IT'S NOT A DRILL...
TH-THERE MUST BE A TITAN JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE...
BOOOM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BOOM
N-NO WAY...
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BOOM
I'M LEAVING!
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THUD
HEY!
LOOK WHO JUST CAME BACK...
ISN'T THAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE SURVEY CORPS?!
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IT'S CAPTAIN CARLO PIKALE!!
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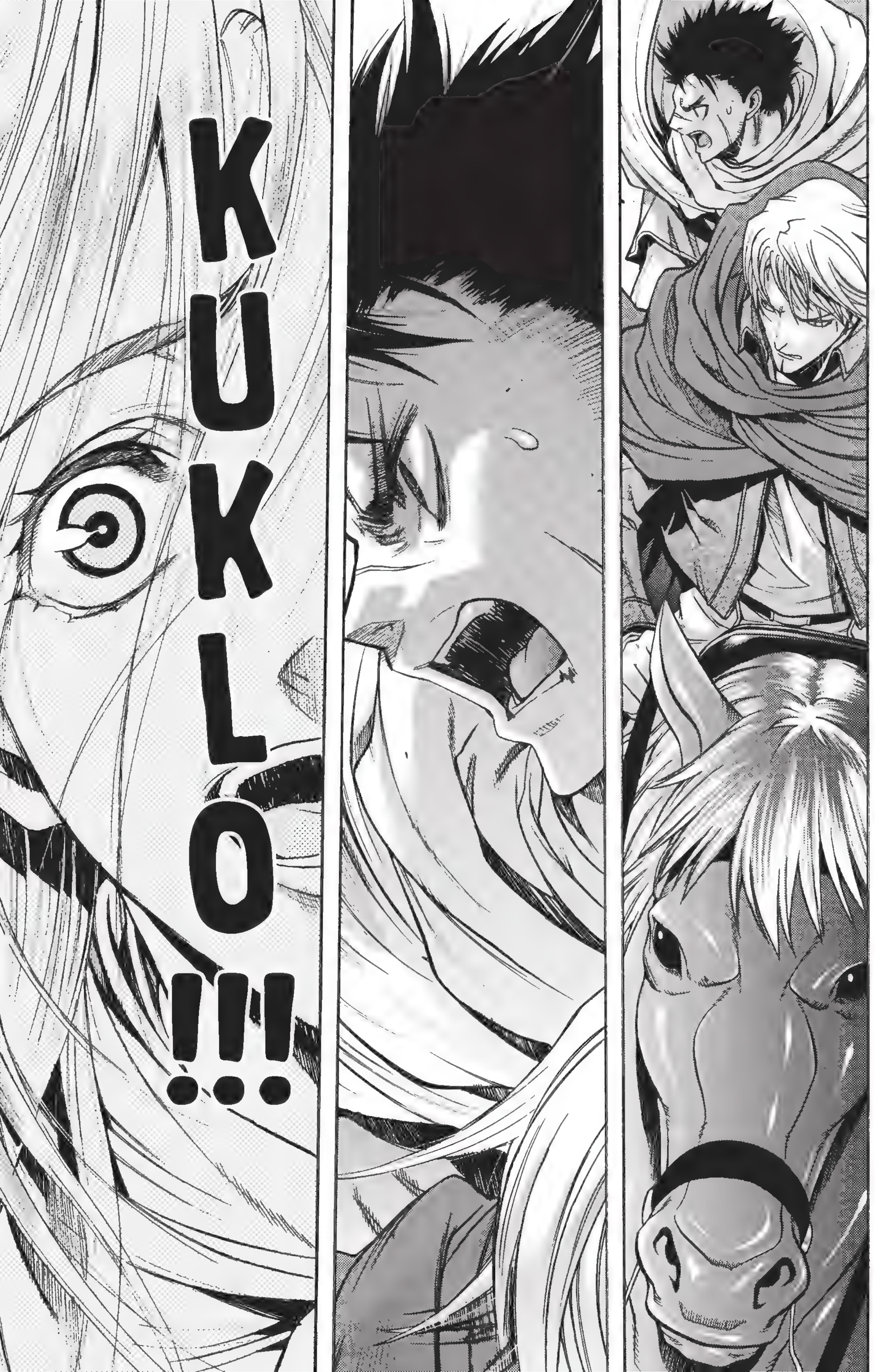
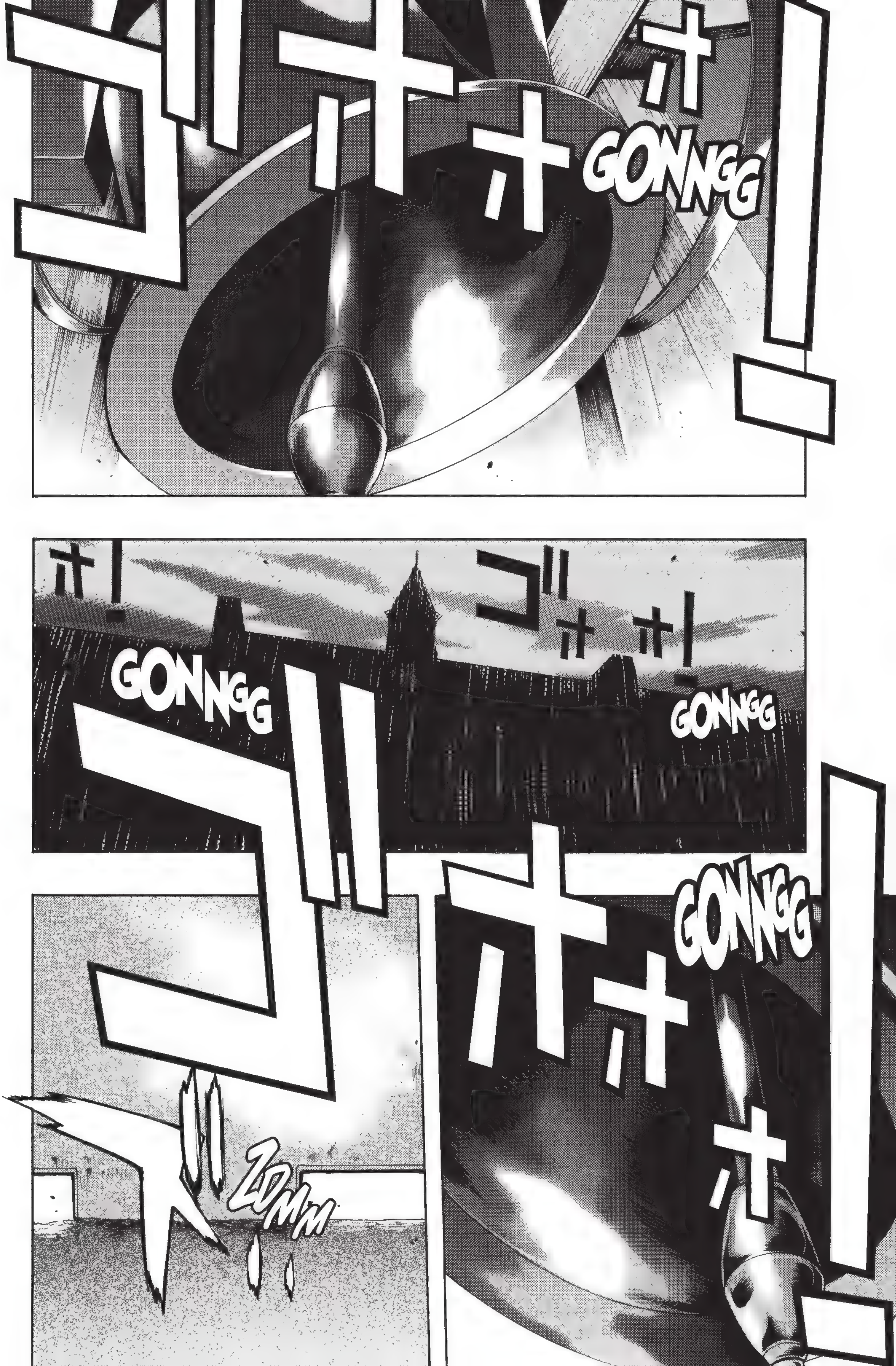
BOOM
AH...


KUKLO!!!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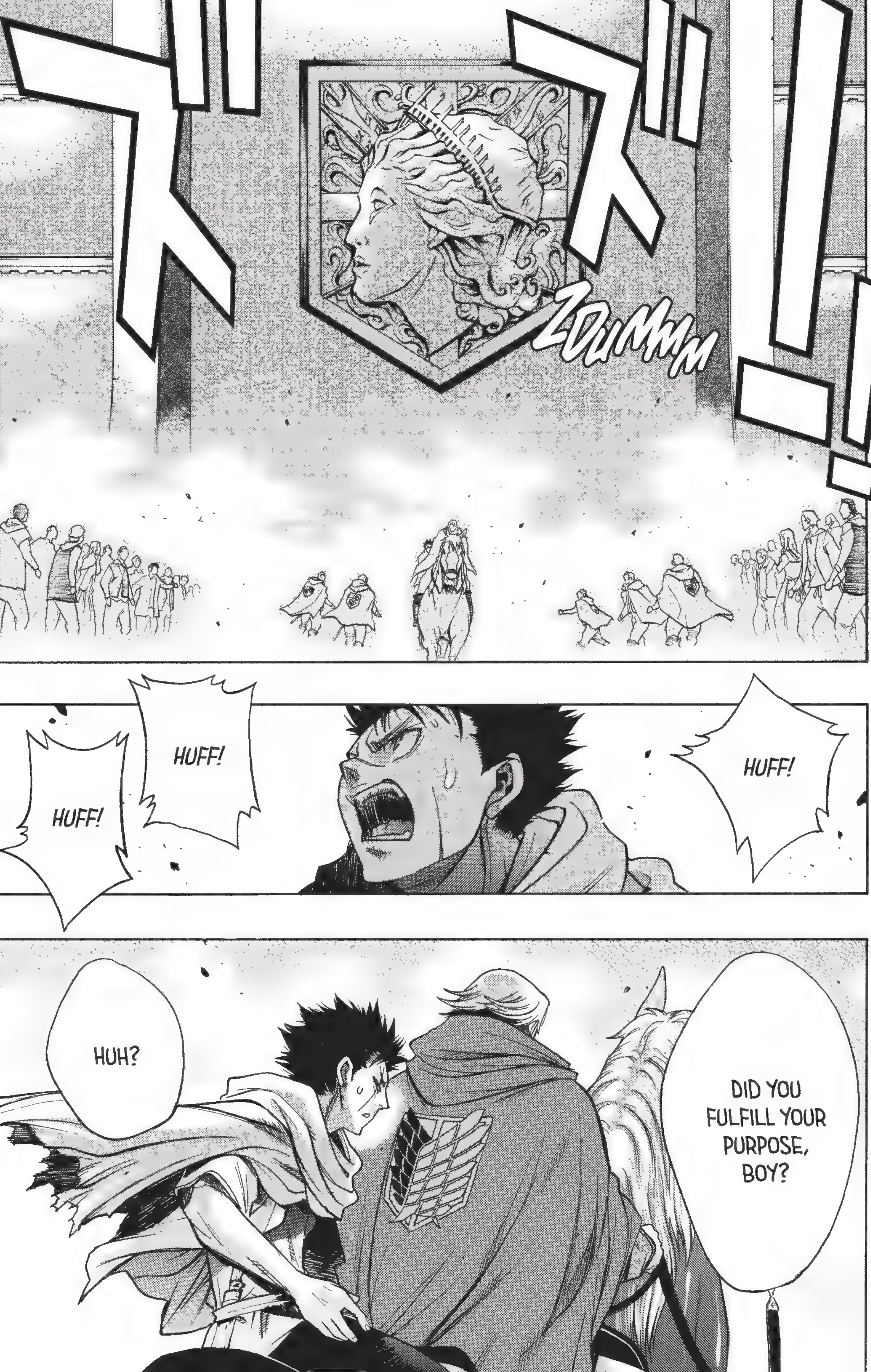
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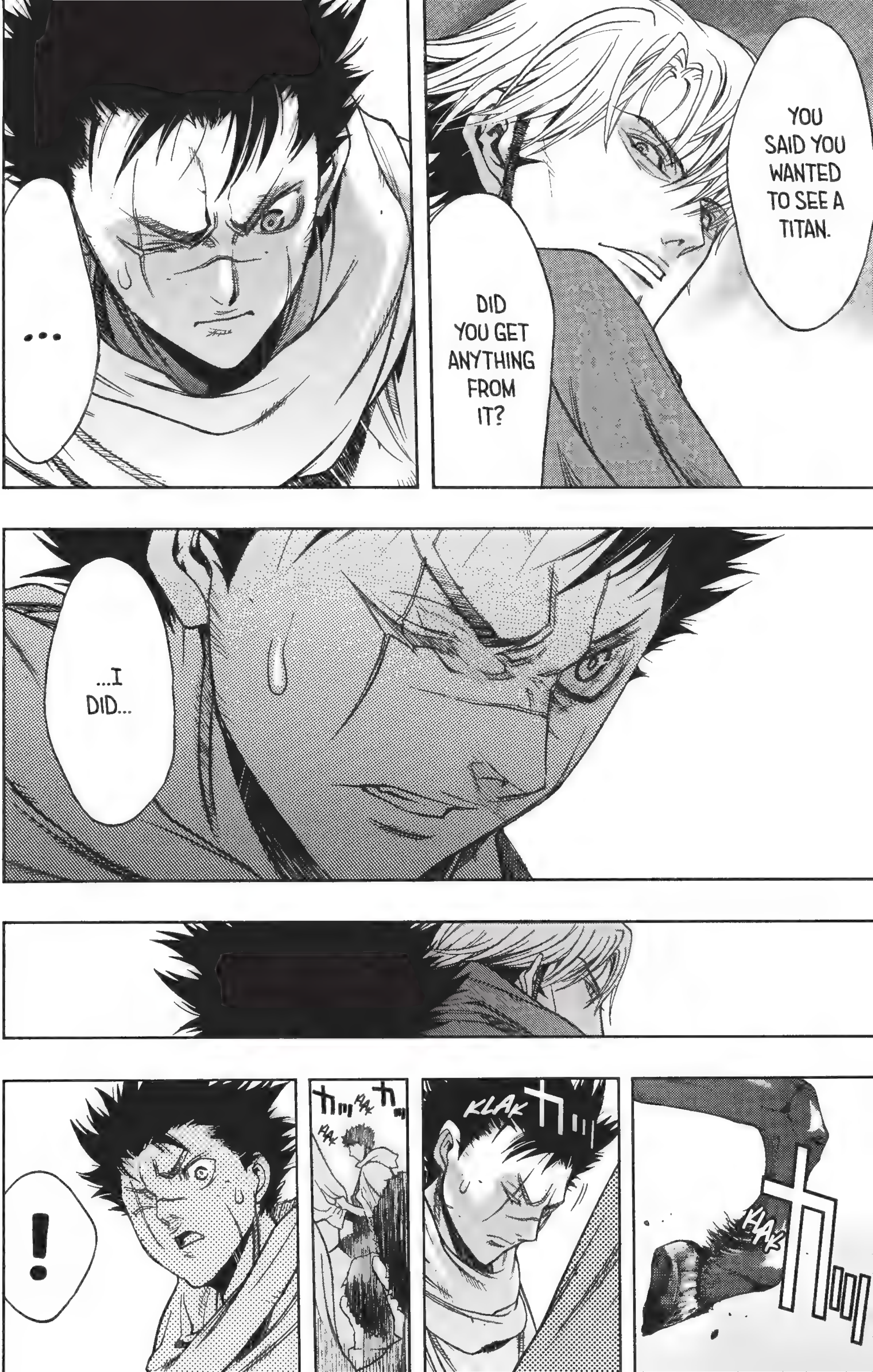
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
DID YOU FULFILL YOUR PURPOSE, BOY?
HUH?


YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE A TITAN.
DID YOU GET ANYTHING FROM IT?
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...I DID...
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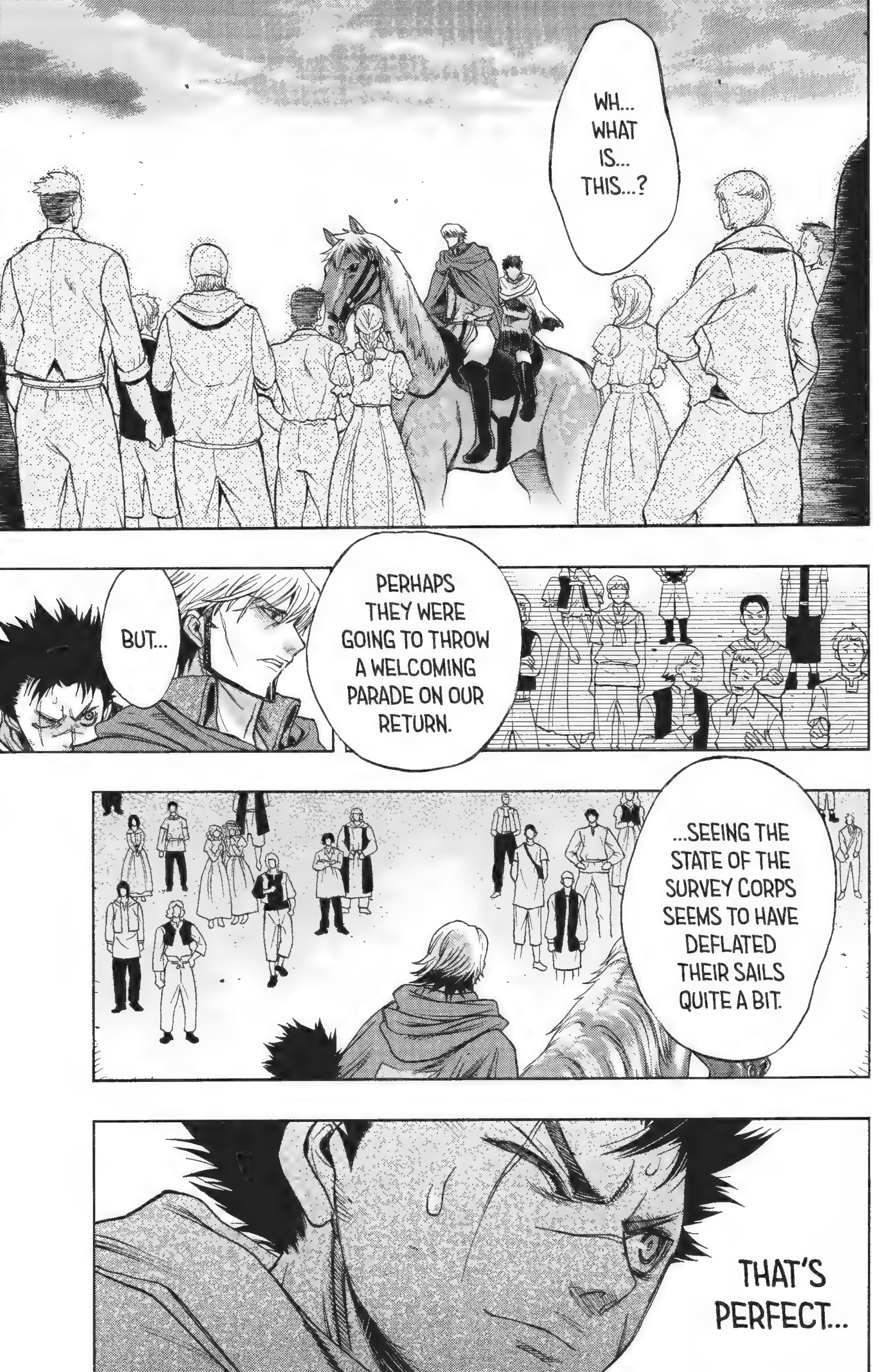
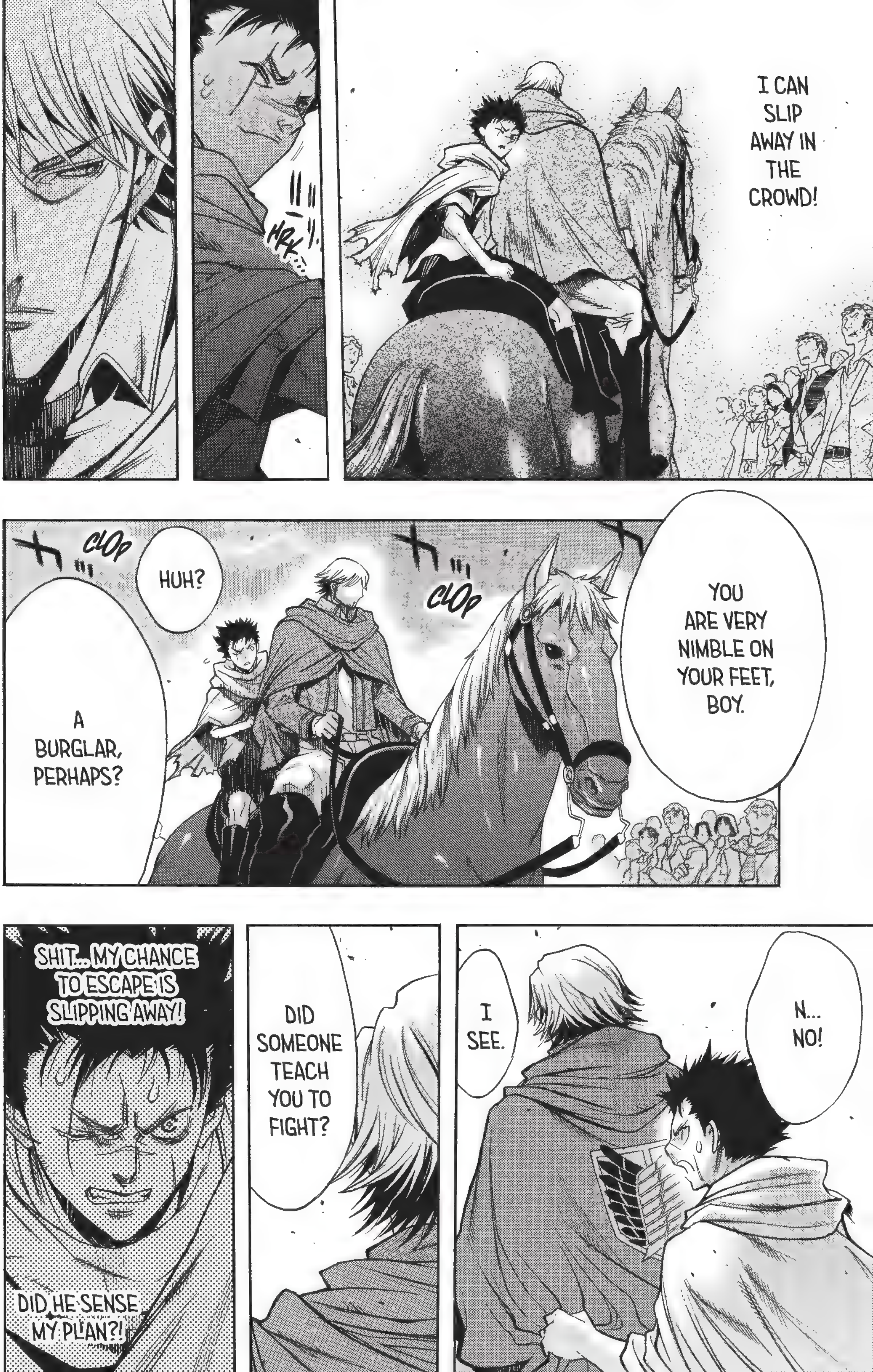
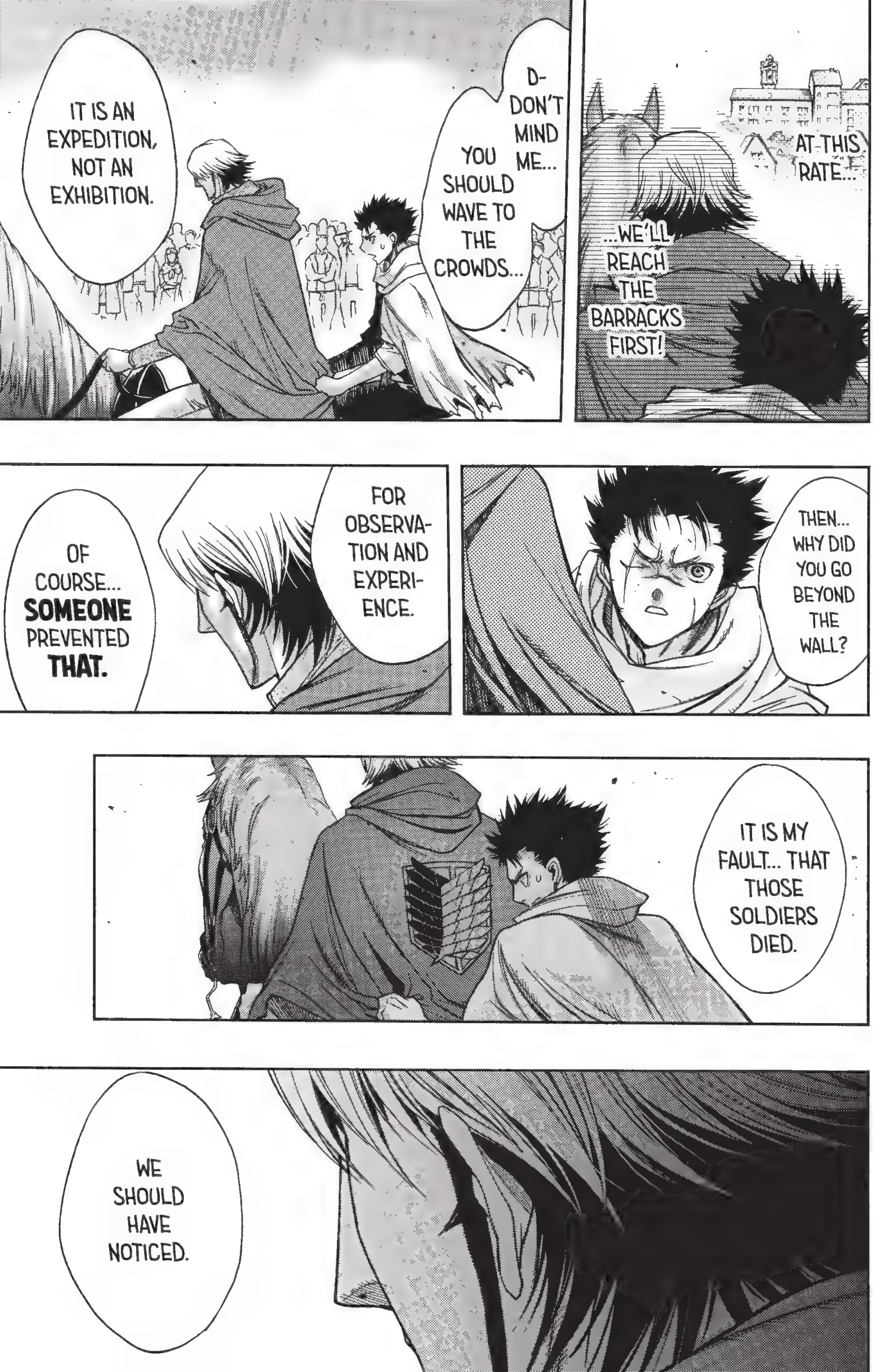
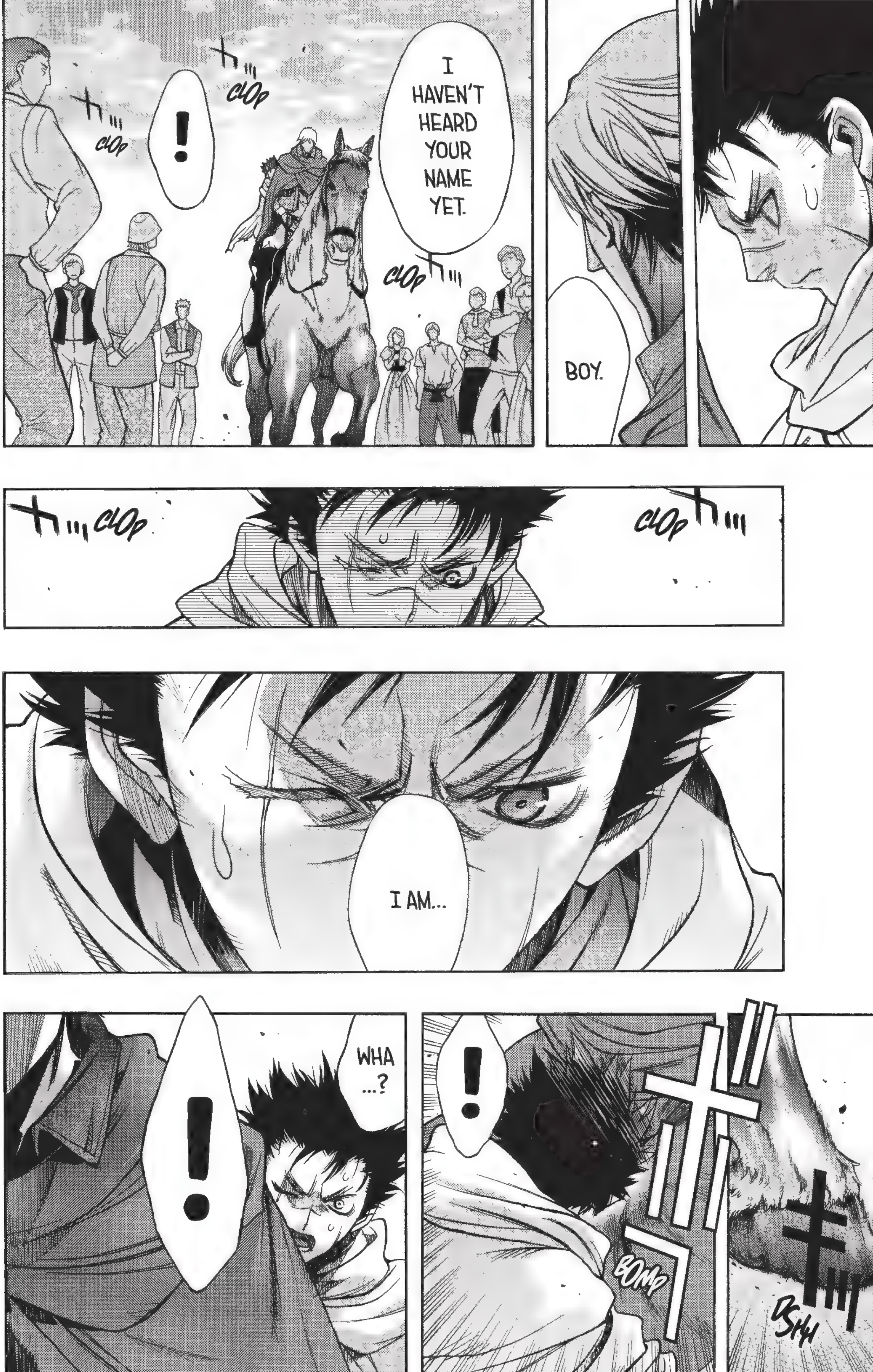

WH... WHAT IS... THIS...?
PERHAPS THEY WERE GOING TO THROW A WELCOMING PARADE ON OUR RETURN.
BUT...
...SEEING THE STATE OF THE SURVEY CORPS SEEMS TO HAVE DEFLATED THEIR SAILS QUITE A BIT.
THAT'S PERFECT...


I CAN SLIP AWAY IN THE CROWD!
HRK...!!
YOU ARE VERY NIMBLE ON YOUR FEET, BOY.
CLOP
HUH?
CLOP
A BURGLAR, PERHAPS?
N... NO!
I SEE.
DID SOMEONE TEACH YOU TO FIGHT?
SHIT... MY CHANCE TO ESCAPE IS SLIPPING AWAY!
DID HE SENSE MY PLAN?!


AT THIS RATE...
...WE'LL REACH THE BARRACKS FIRST!
D-DON'T MIND ME... YOU SHOULD WAVE TO THE CROWDS...
IT IS AN EXPEDITION, NOT AN EXHIBITION.
THEN... WHY DID YOU GO BEYOND THE WALL?
FOR OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE.
OF COURSE... **SOMEONE** PREVENTED **THAT.**
IT IS MY FAULT... THAT THOSE SOLDIERS DIED.
WE SHOULD HAVE NOTICED.


BOY.
CLOP
CLOP
I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR NAME YET.
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I AM...
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BOMP
DSHH
WHA...?
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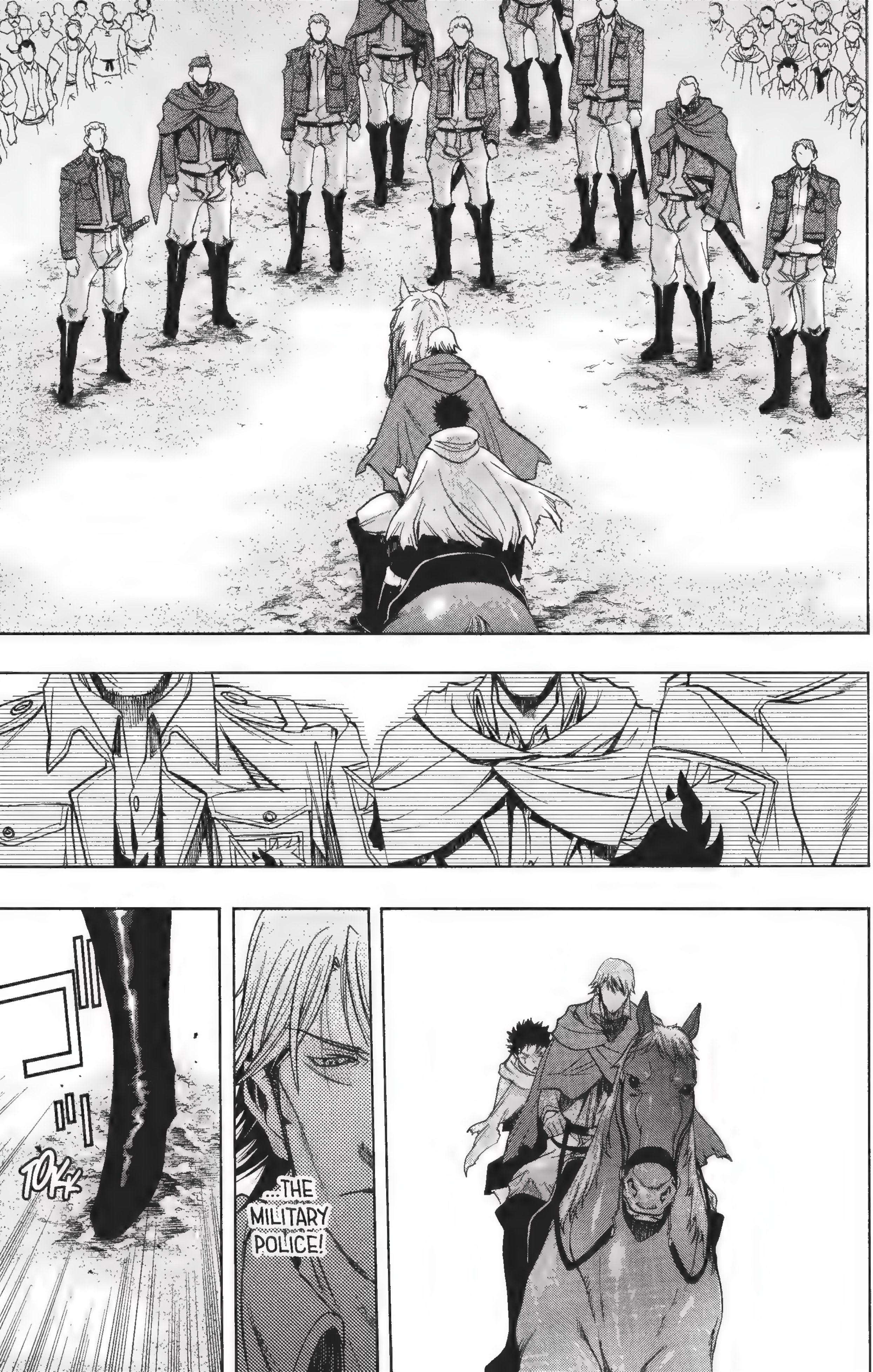
...THE MILITARY POLICE!
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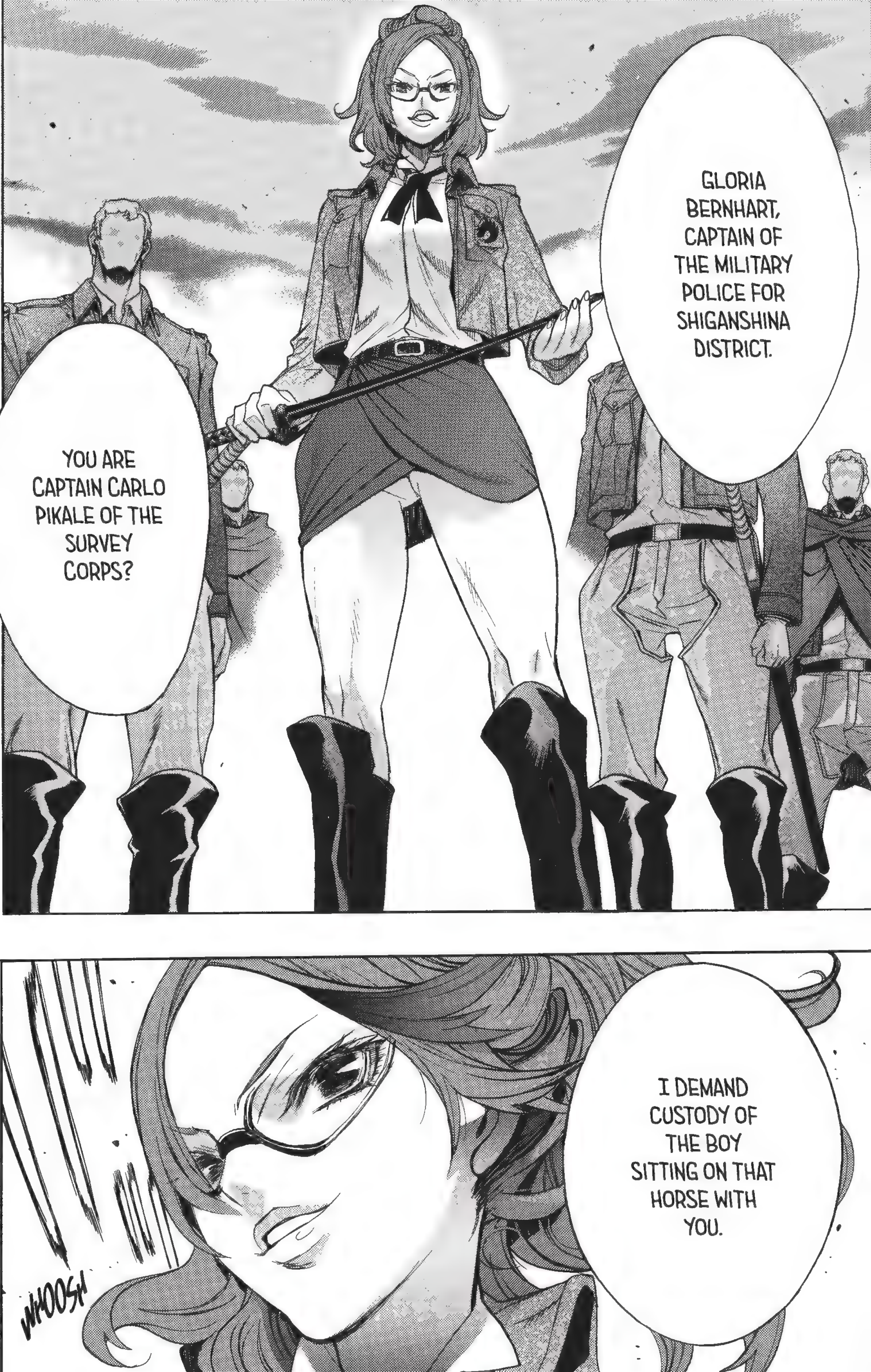
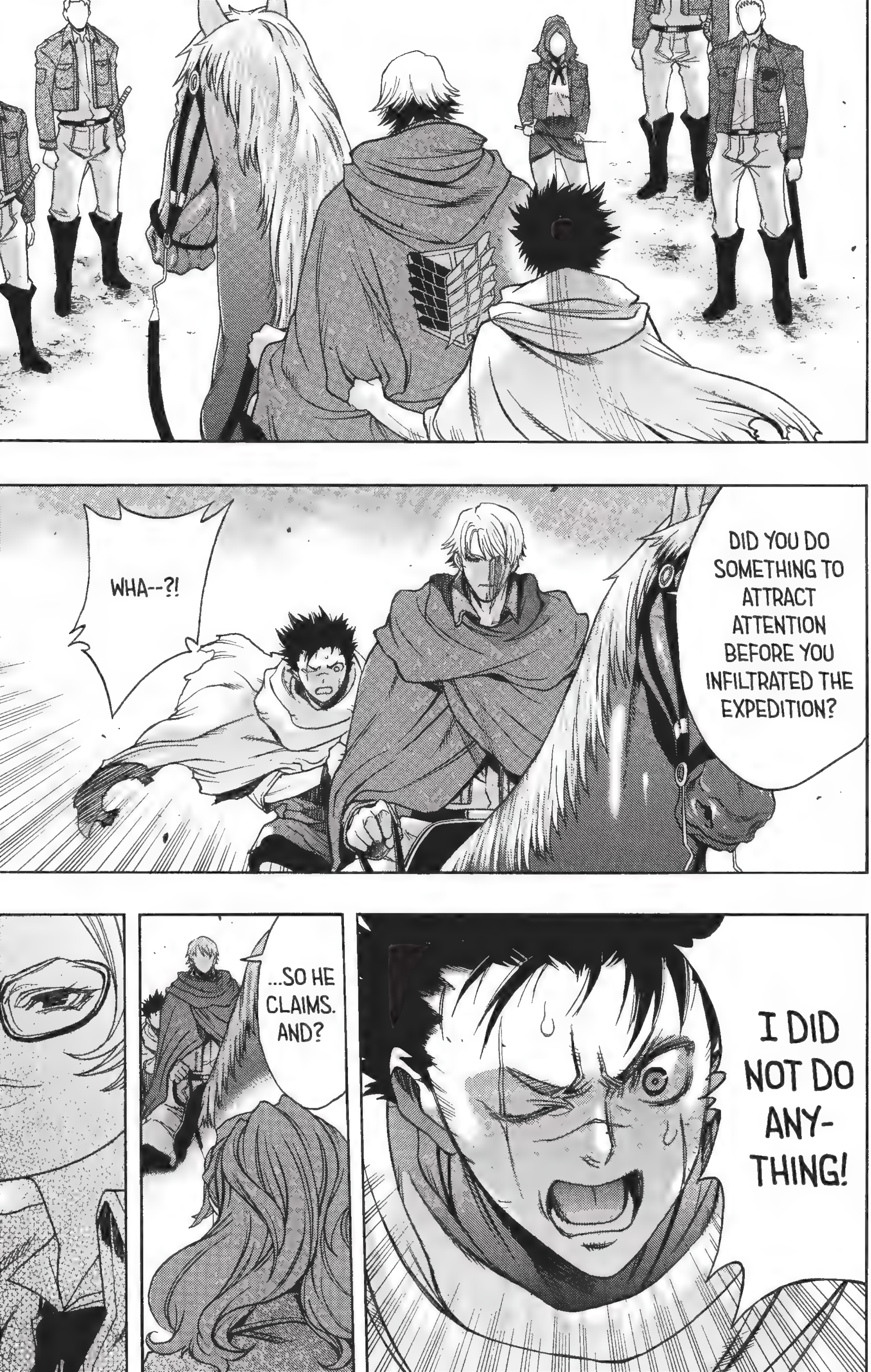
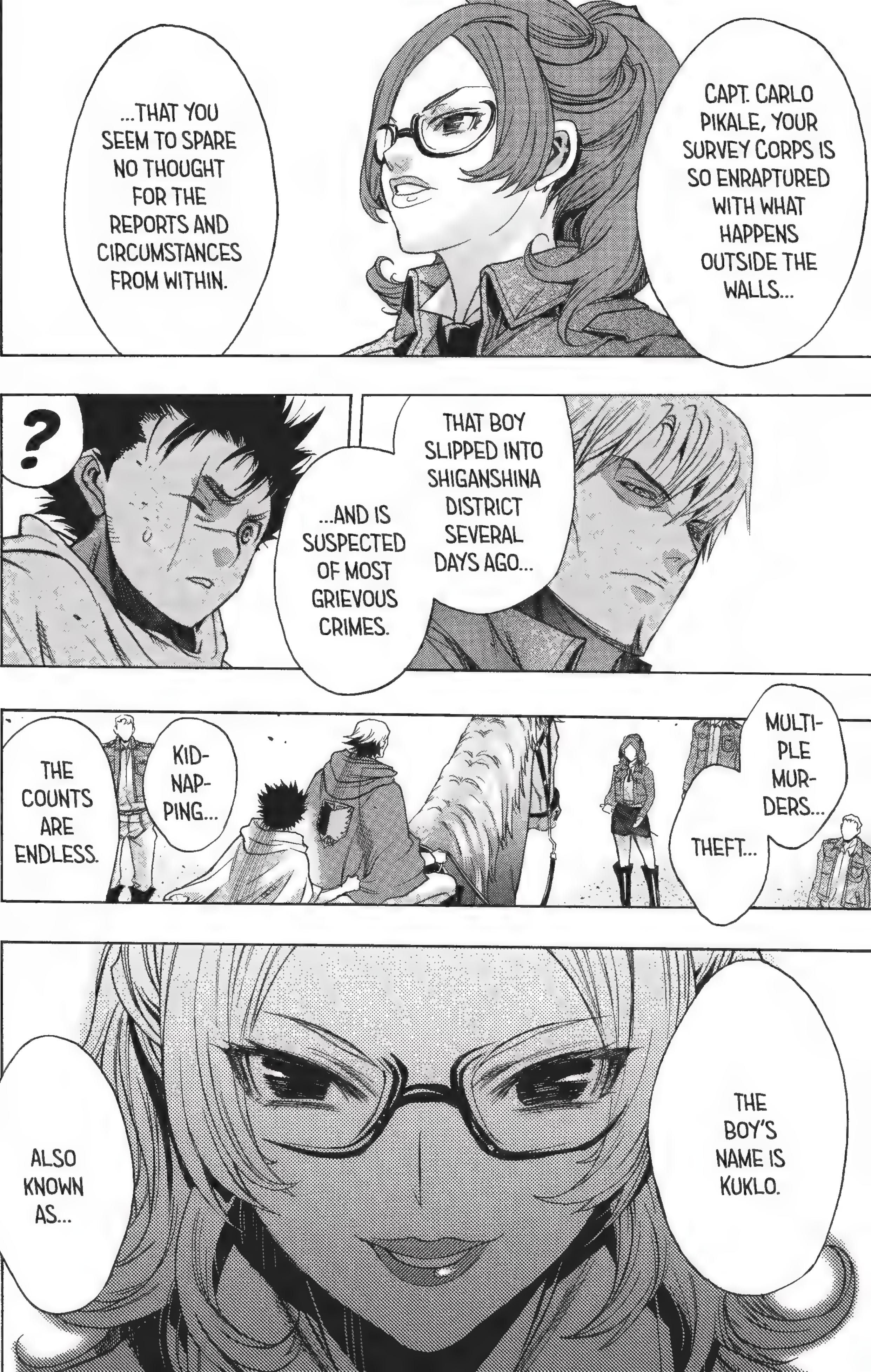

GLORIA BERNHART, CAPTAIN OF THE MILITARY POLICE FOR SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT.
YOU ARE CAPTAIN CARLO PIKALE OF THE SURVEY CORPS?
I DEMAND CUSTODY OF THE BOY SITTING ON THAT HORSE WITH YOU.
WHOOSH


DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION BEFORE YOU INFILTRATED THE EXPEDITION?
WHA--?!
I DID NOT DO ANY-THING!
...SO HE CLAIMS. AND?


CAPT. CARLO PIKALE, YOUR SURVEY CORPS IS SO ENRAPTURED WITH WHAT HAPPENS OUTSIDE THE WALLS...
...THAT YOU SEEM TO SPARE NO THOUGHT FOR THE REPORTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES FROM WITHIN.
THAT BOY SLIPPED INTO SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT SEVERAL DAYS AGO...
...AND IS SUSPECTED OF MOST GRIEVOUS CRIMES.
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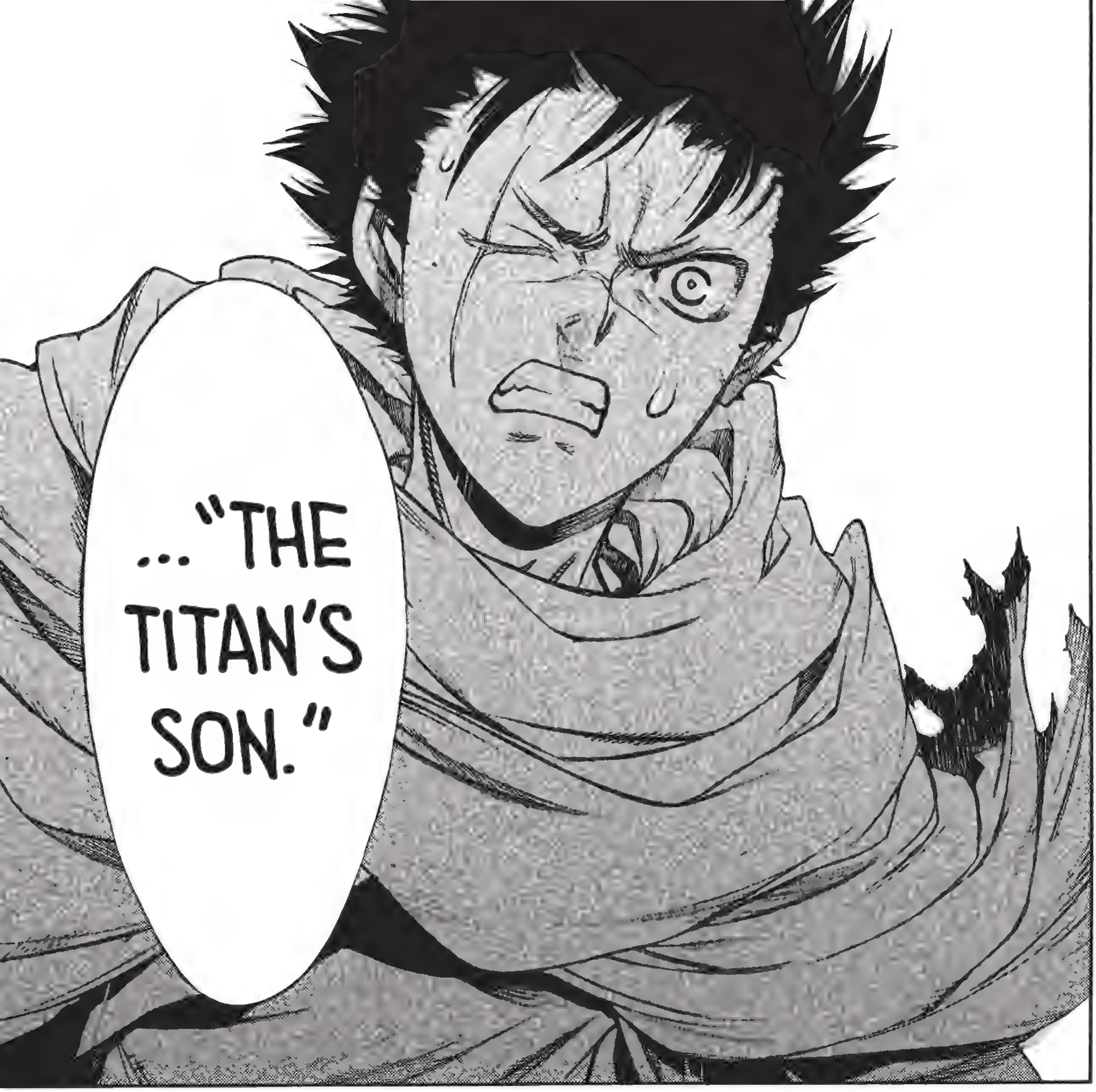
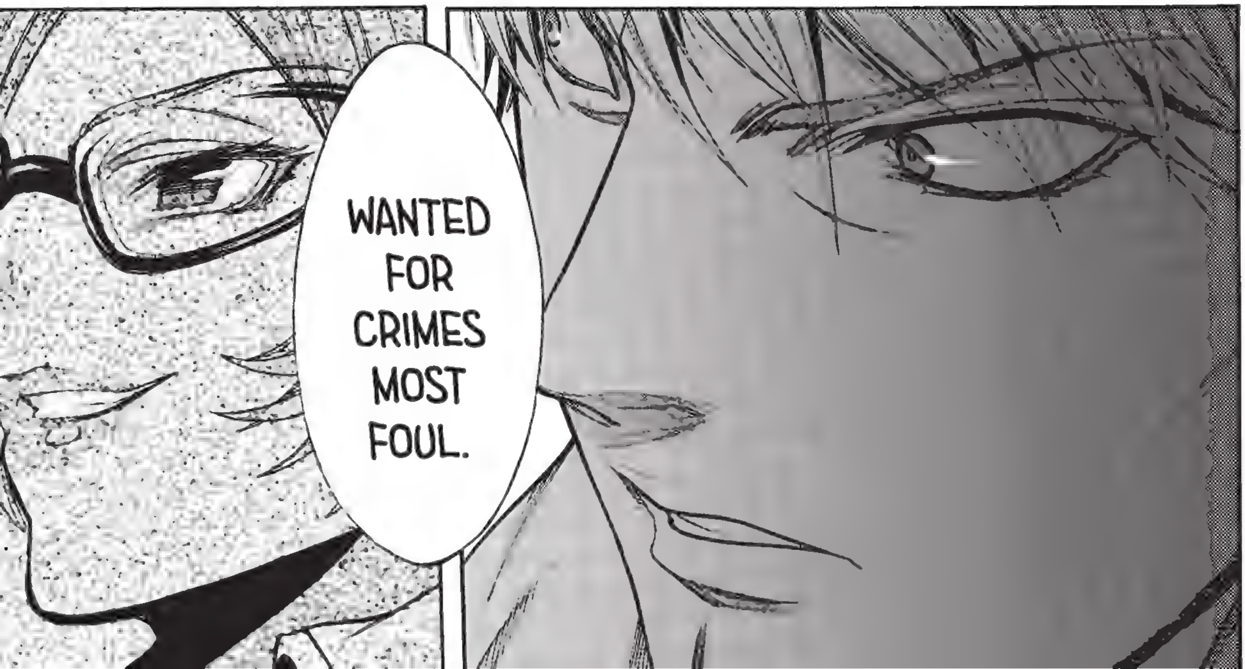
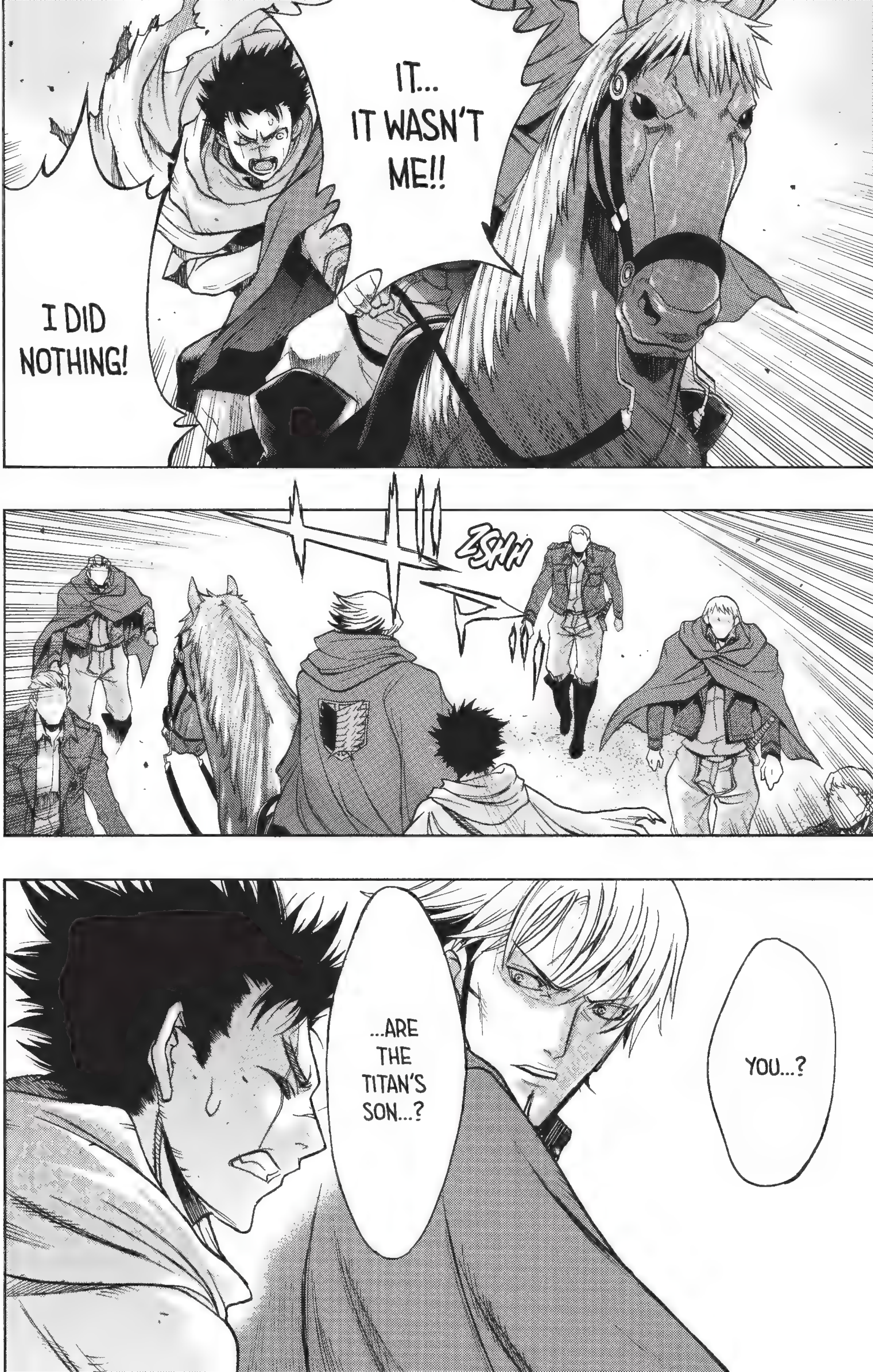
MULTIPLE MURDERS...
THEFT...
KIDNAPPING...
THE COUNTS ARE ENDLESS.
THE BOY'S NAME IS KUKLO.
ALSO KNOWN AS...


..."THE TITAN'S SON."


WANTED FOR CRIMES MOST FOUL.


IT... IT WASN'T ME!!
I DID NOTHING!
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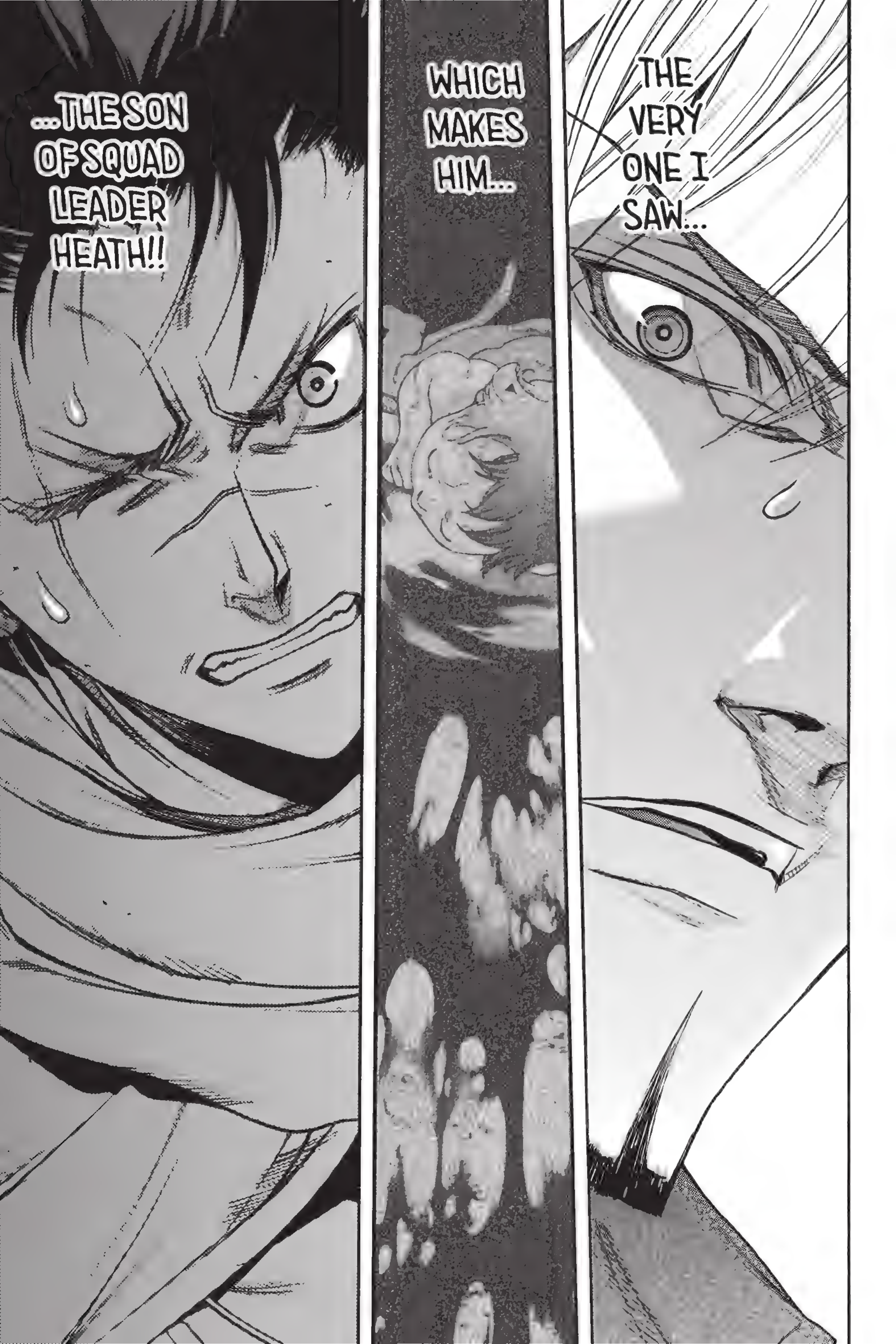
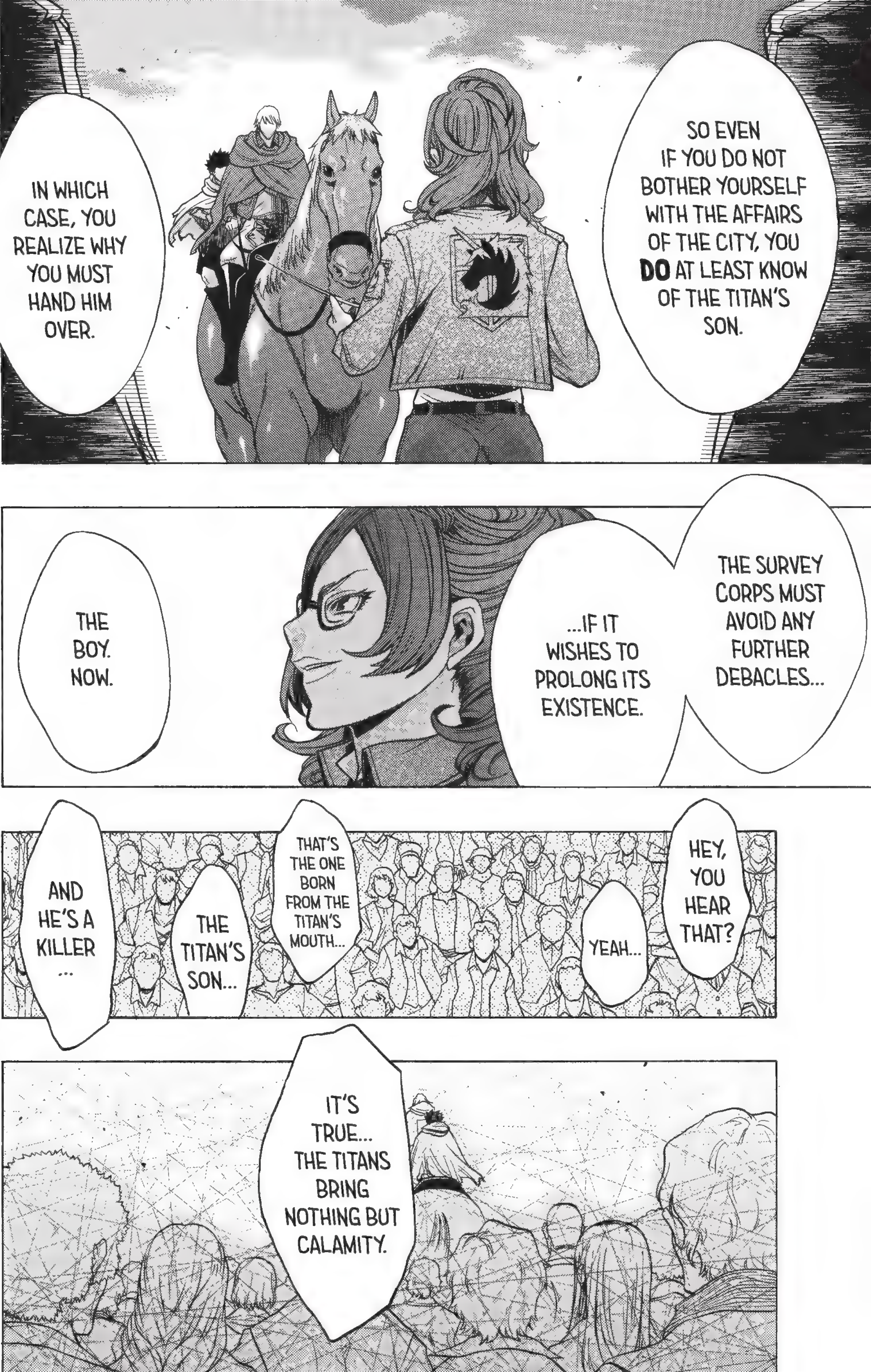
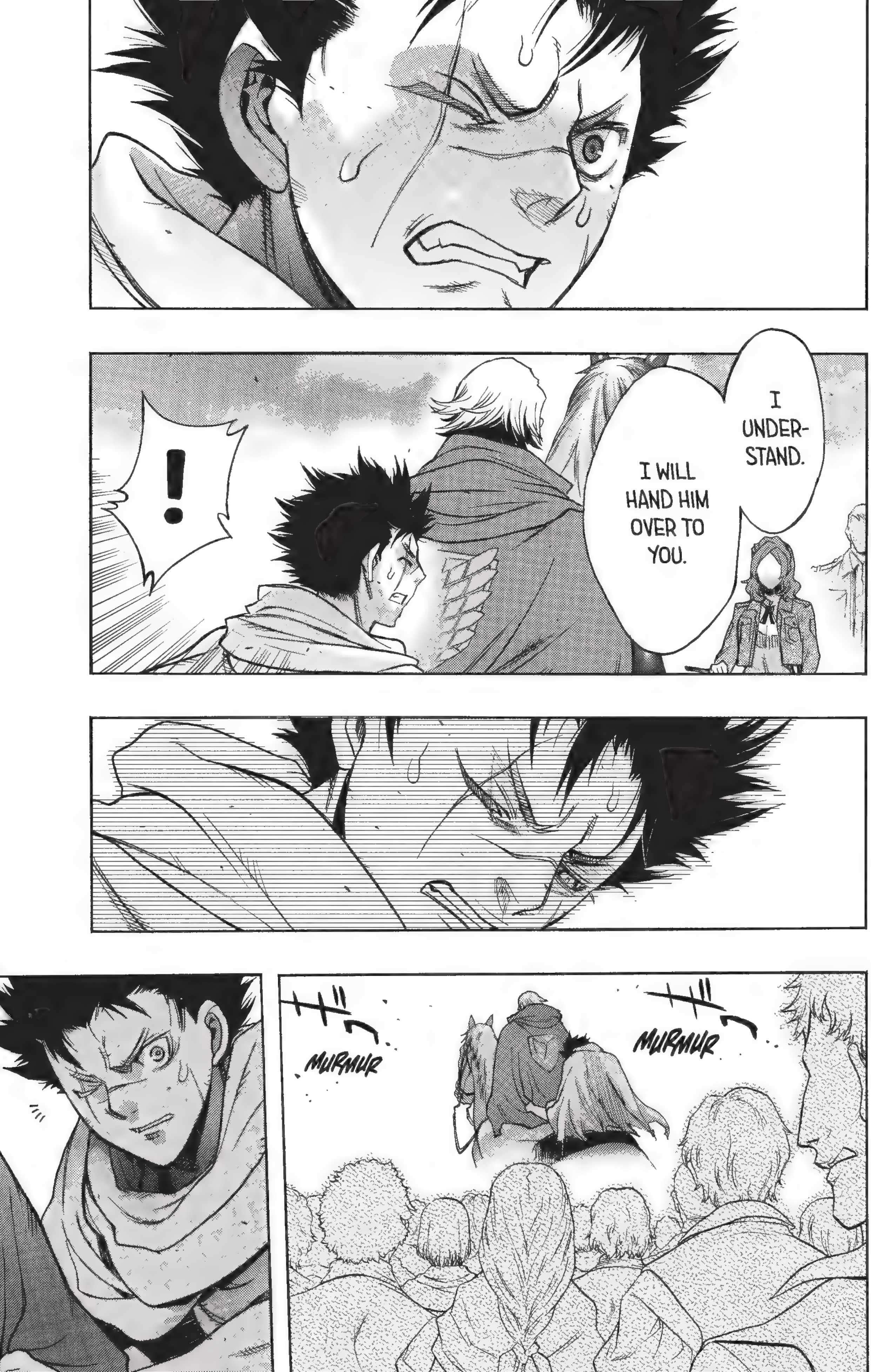
YOU...?
...ARE THE TITAN'S SON...?


THE VERY ONE I SAW...
WHICH MAKES HIM...
...THE SON OF SQUAD LEADER HEATH!!


SO EVEN IF YOU DO NOT BOTHER YOURSELF WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY, YOU **DO** AT LEAST KNOW OF THE TITAN'S SON.
IN WHICH CASE, YOU REALIZE WHY YOU MUST HAND HIM OVER.
THE SURVEY CORPS MUST AVOID ANY FURTHER DEBACLES...
...IF IT WISHES TO PROLONG ITS EXISTENCE.
THE BOY. NOW.
HEY, YOU HEAR THAT?
YEAH...
THAT'S THE ONE BORN FROM THE TITAN'S MOUTH...
THE TITAN'S SON...
AND HE'S A KILLER ...
IT'S TRUE... THE TITANS BRING NOTHING BUT CALAMITY.


I UNDERSTAND.
I WILL HAND HIM OVER TO YOU.
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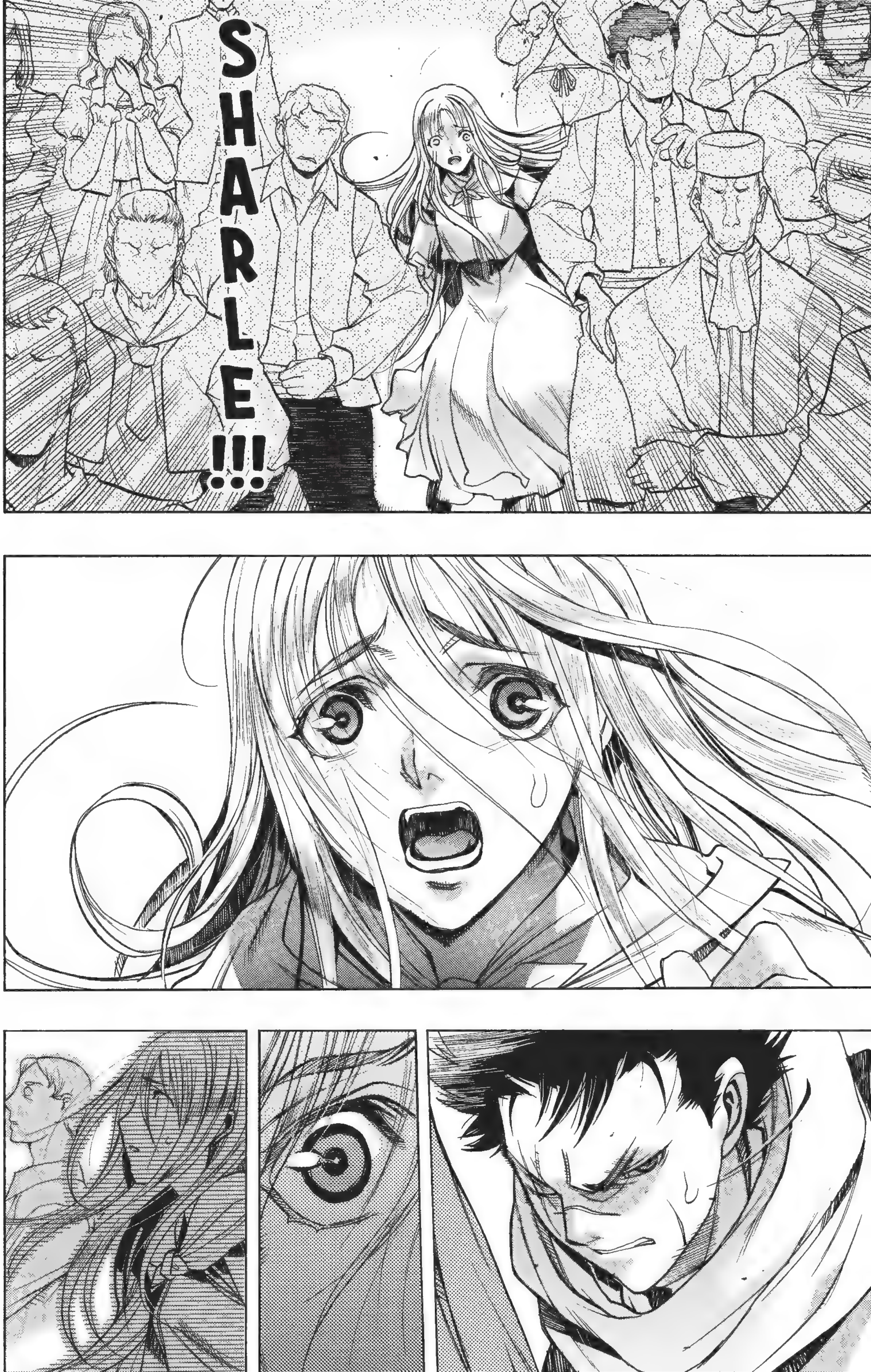
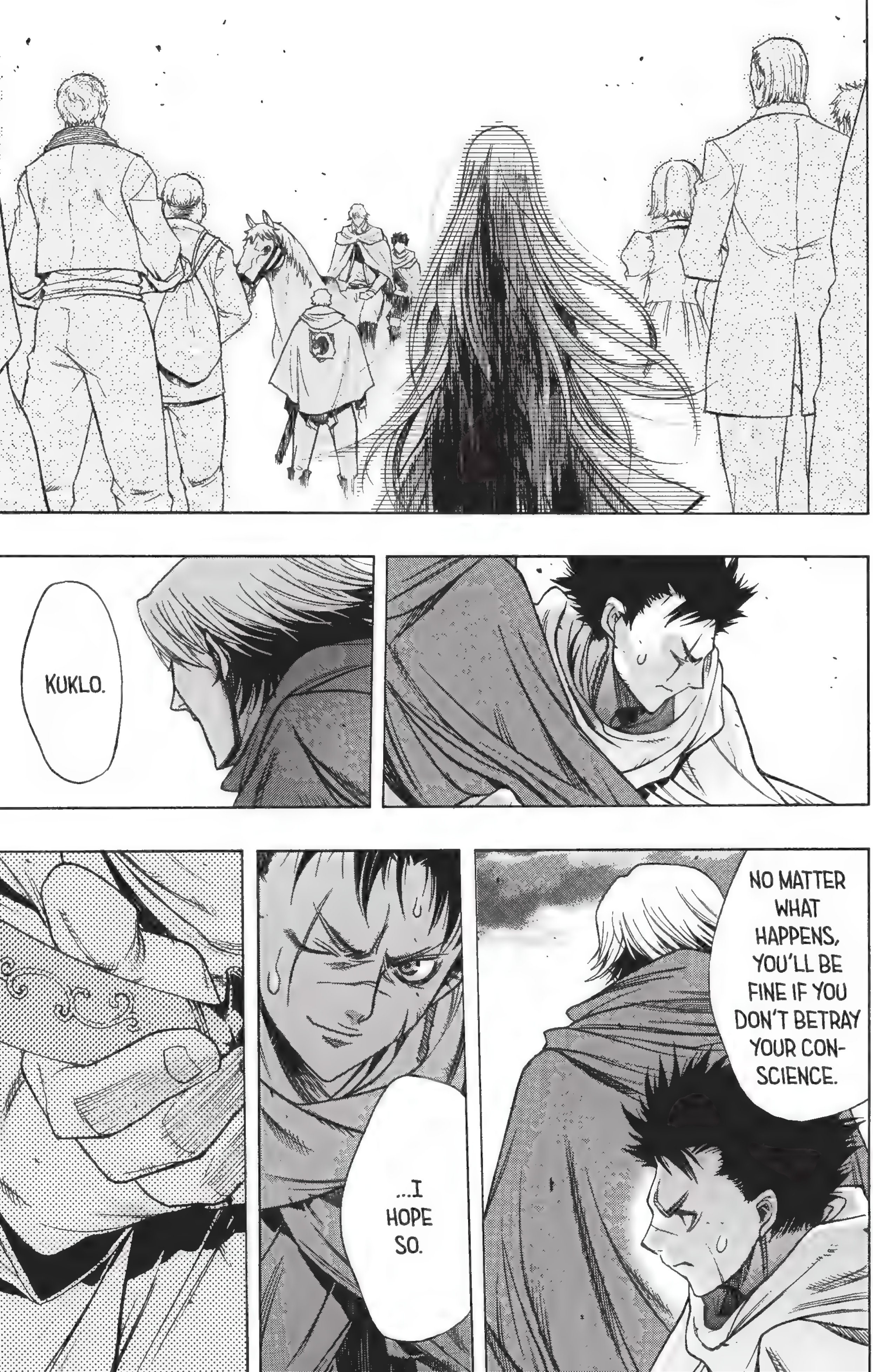
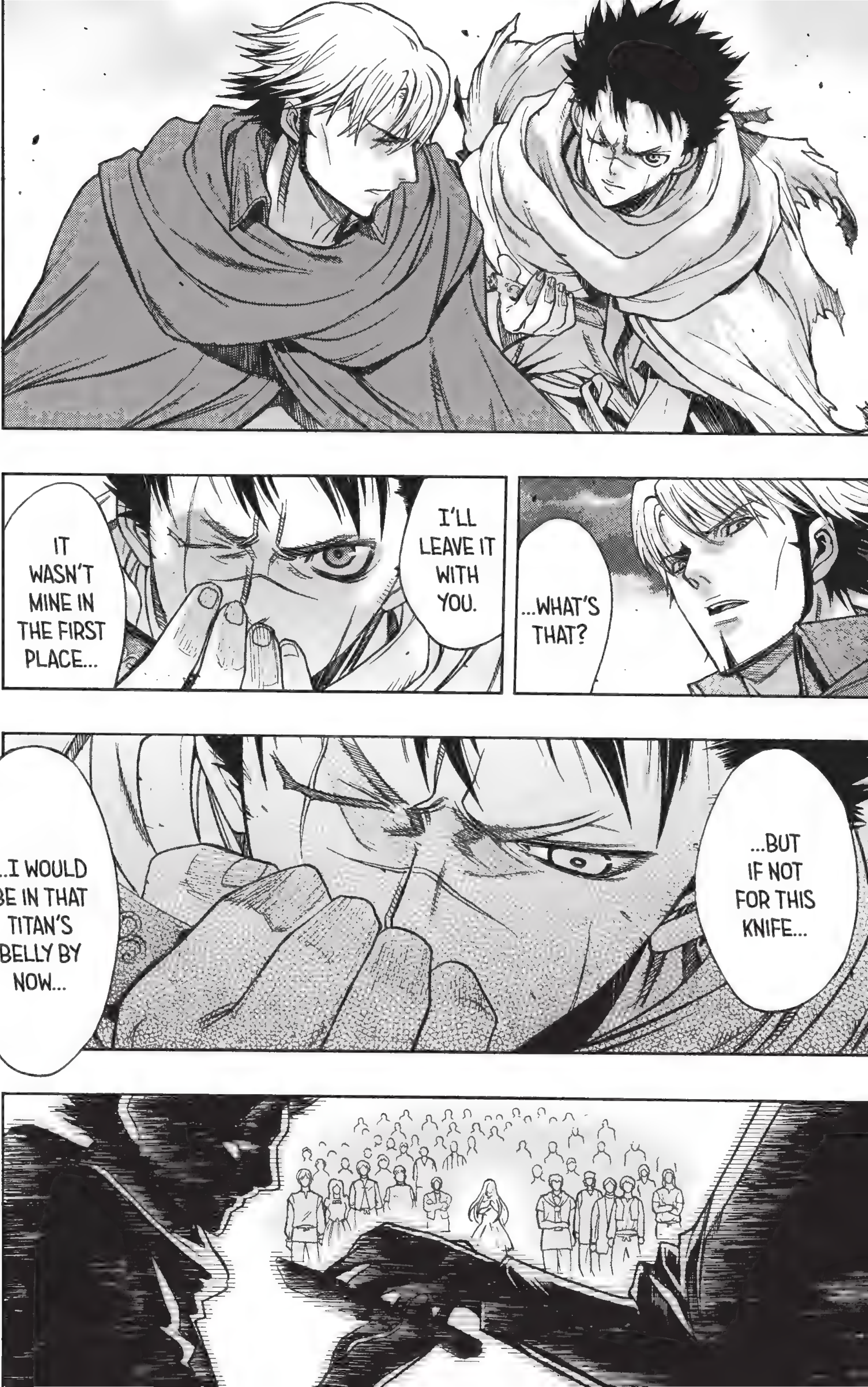
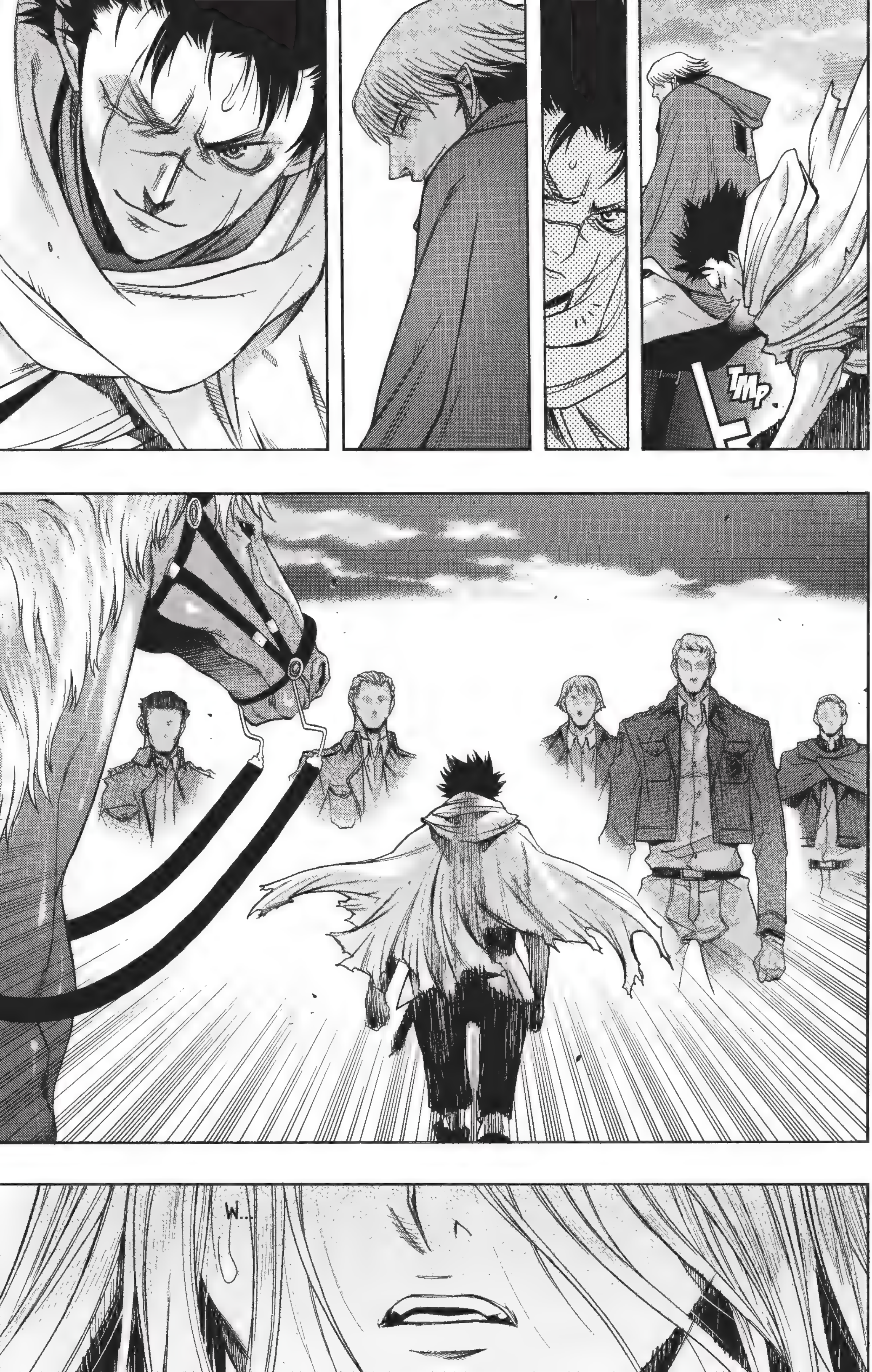

SHARLE!!!


KUKLO.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL BE FINE IF YOU DON'T BETRAY YOUR CONSCIENCE.
...I HOPE SO.


...WHAT'S THAT?
I'LL LEAVE IT WITH YOU.
IT WASN'T MINE IN THE FIRST PLACE...
...BUT IF NOT FOR THIS KNIFE...
...I WOULD BE IN THAT TITAN'S BELLY BY NOW...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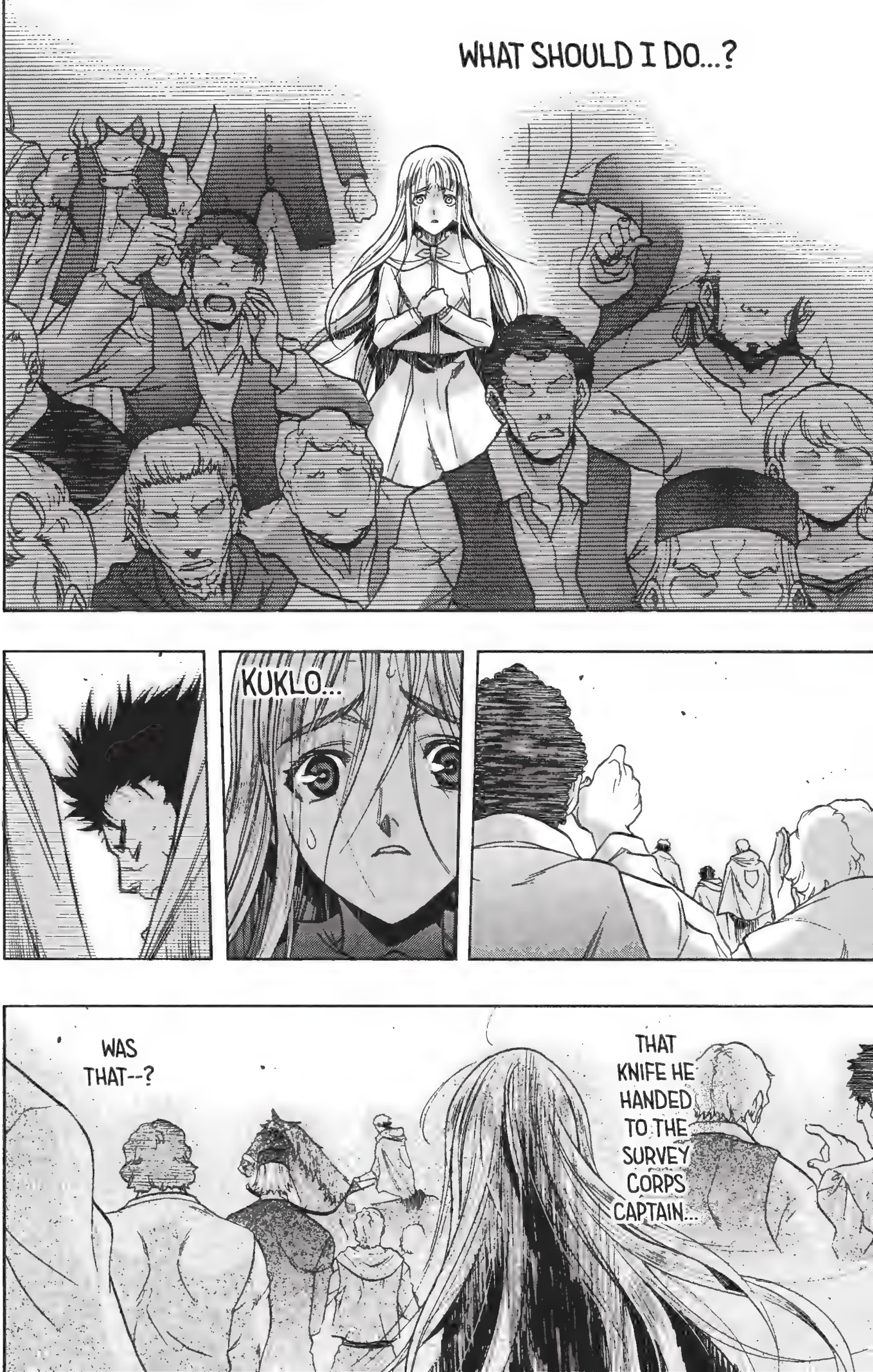
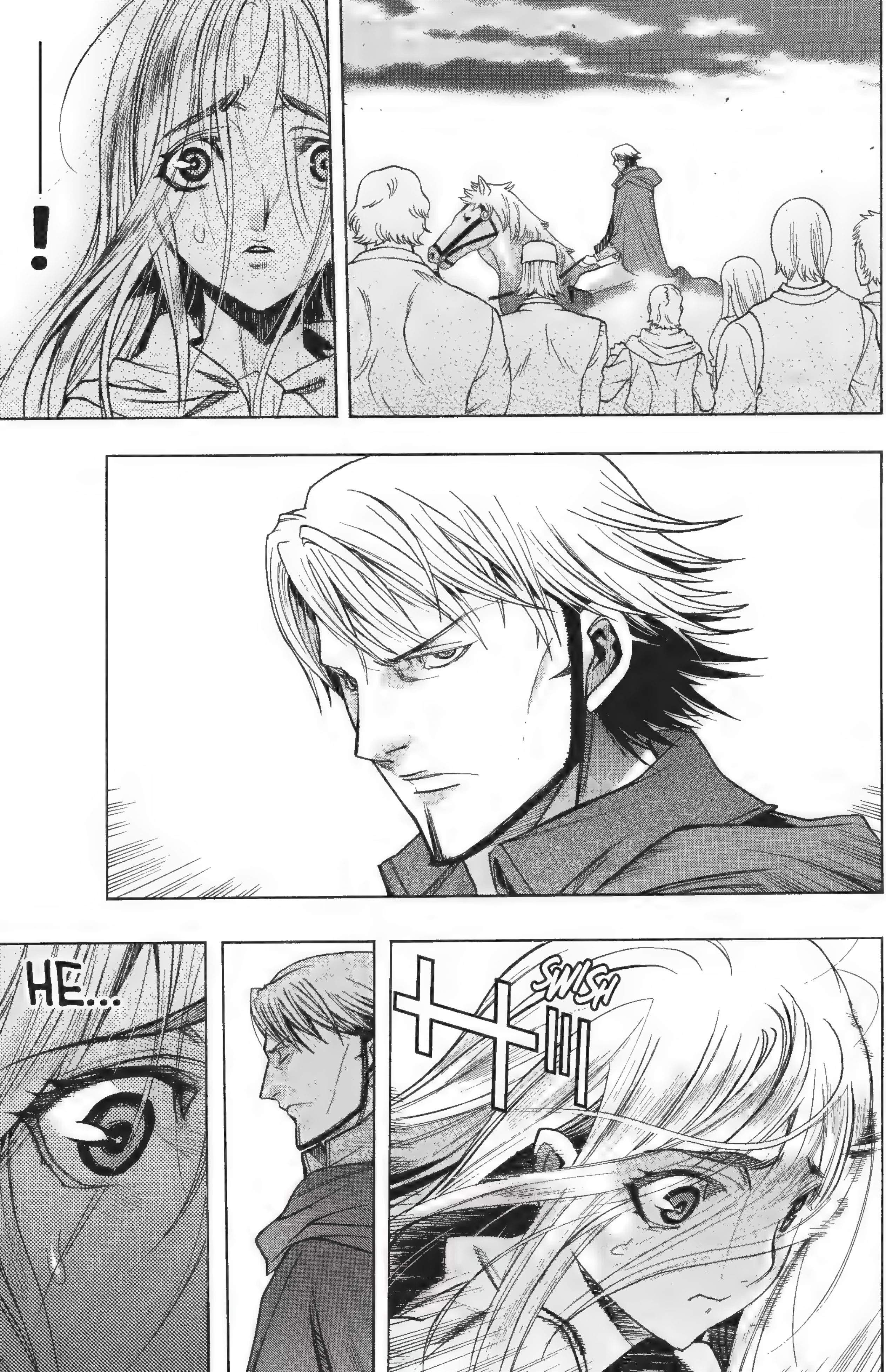

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
KUKLO...
THAT KNIFE HE HANDED TO THE SURVEY CORPS CAPTAIN...
WAS THAT--?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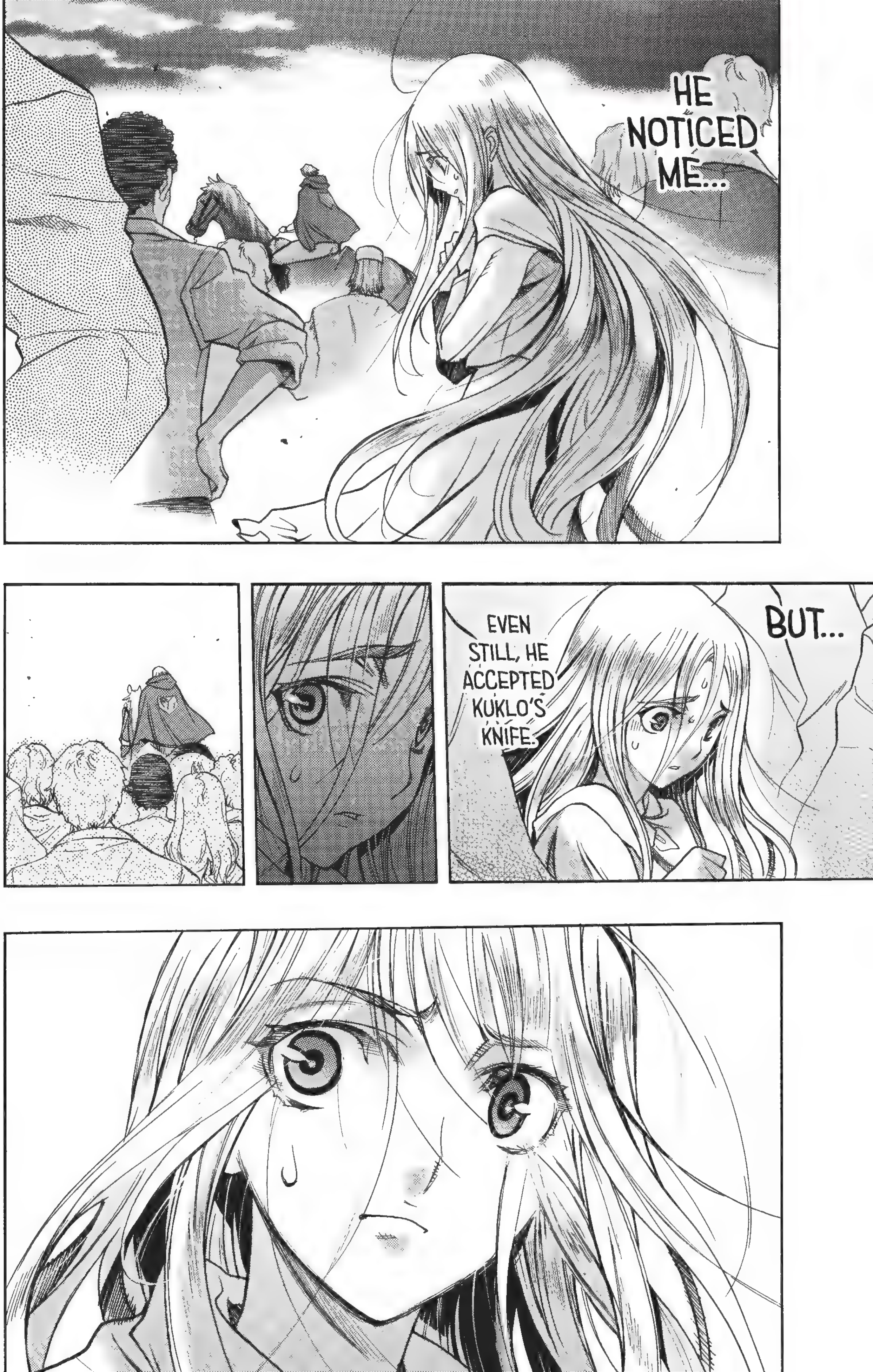
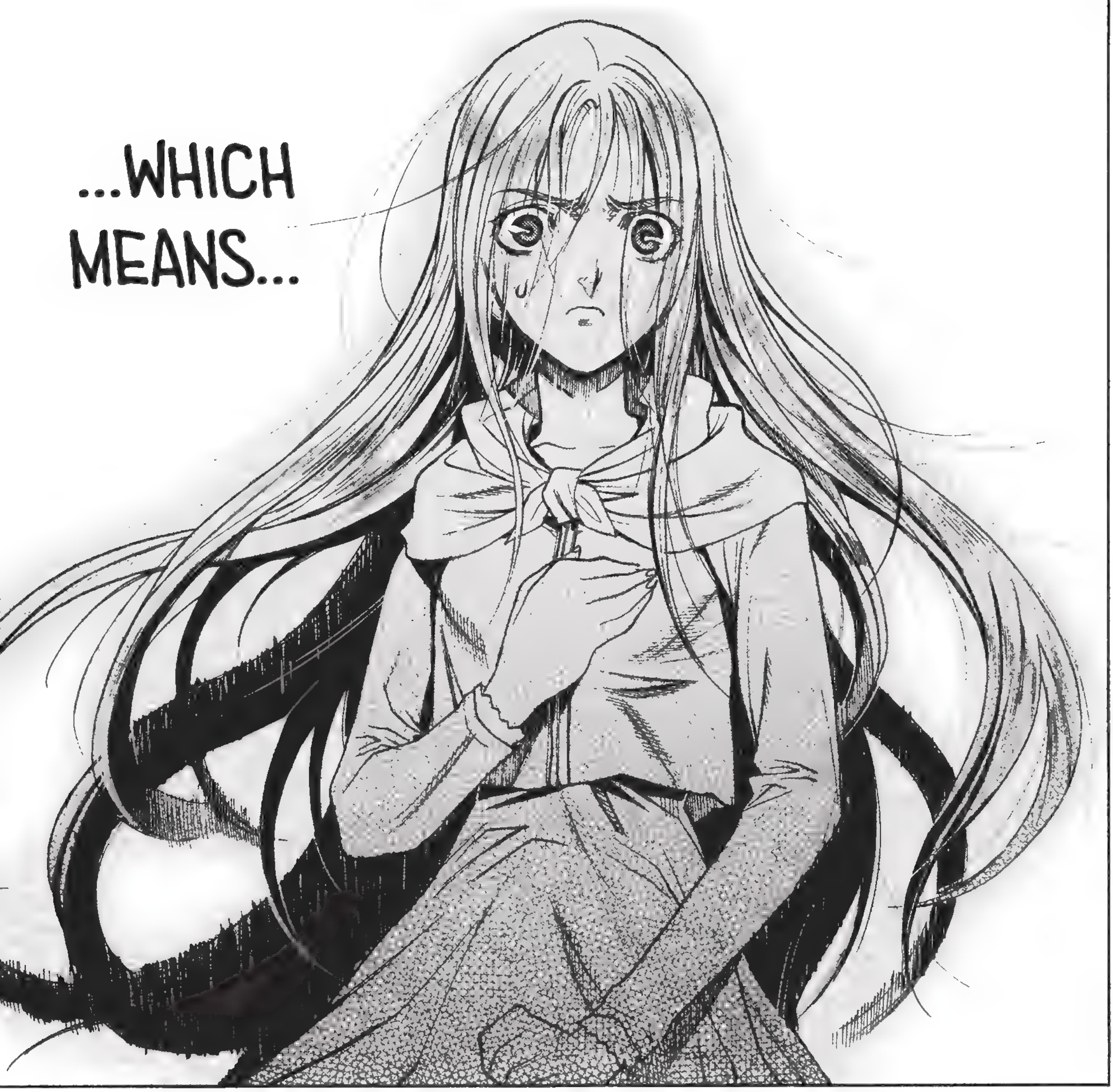
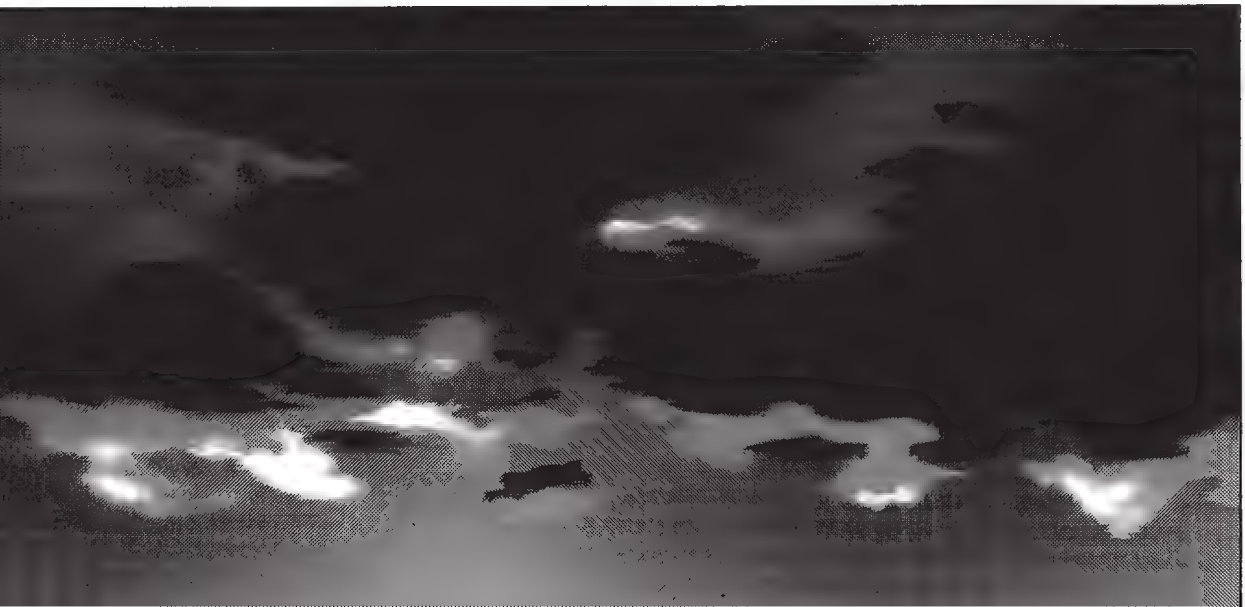
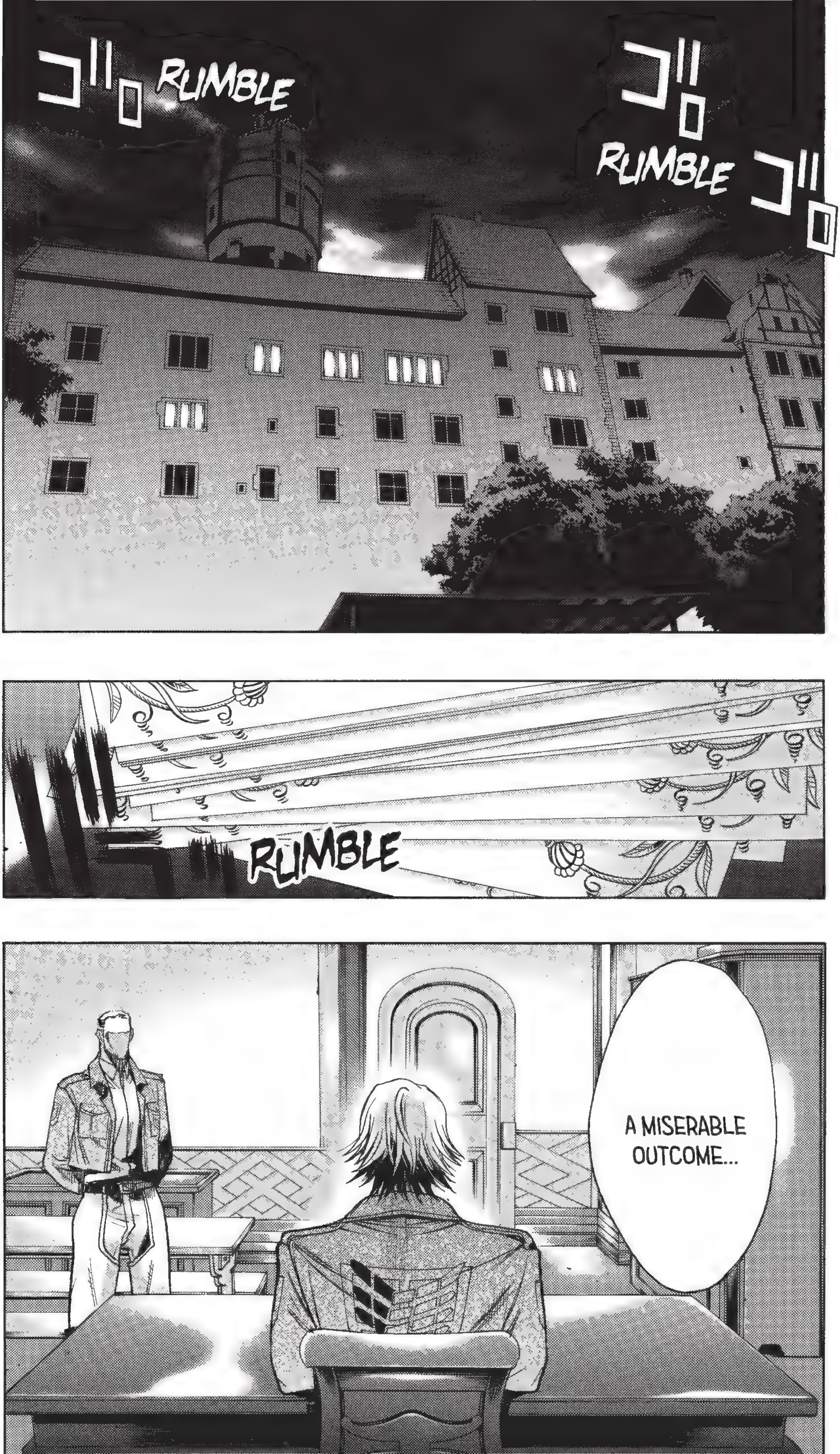
SWISH
HE...


HE NOTICED ME...
BUT...
EVEN STILL, HE ACCEPTED KUKLO'S KNIFE.


...WHICH MEANS...

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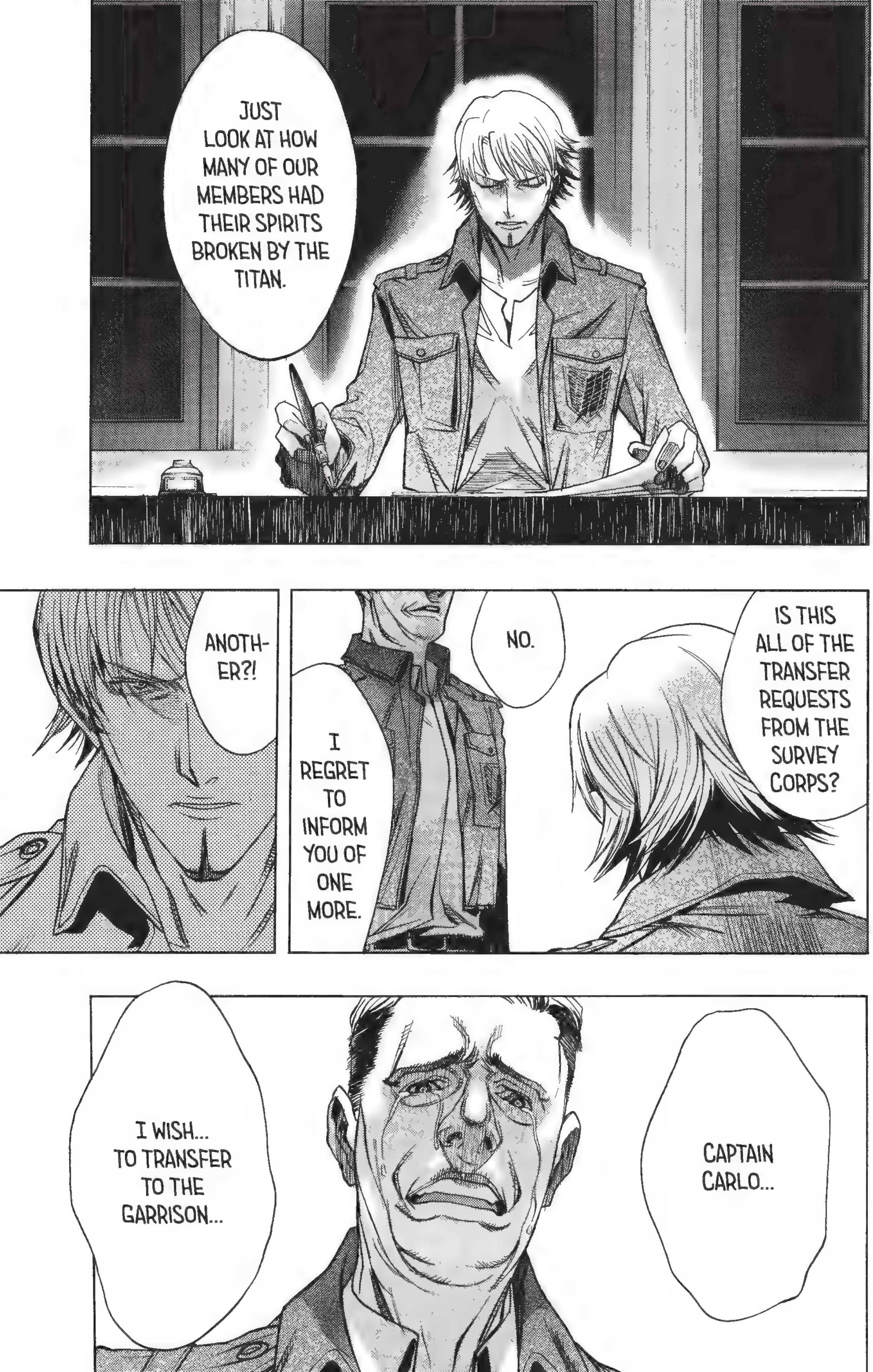
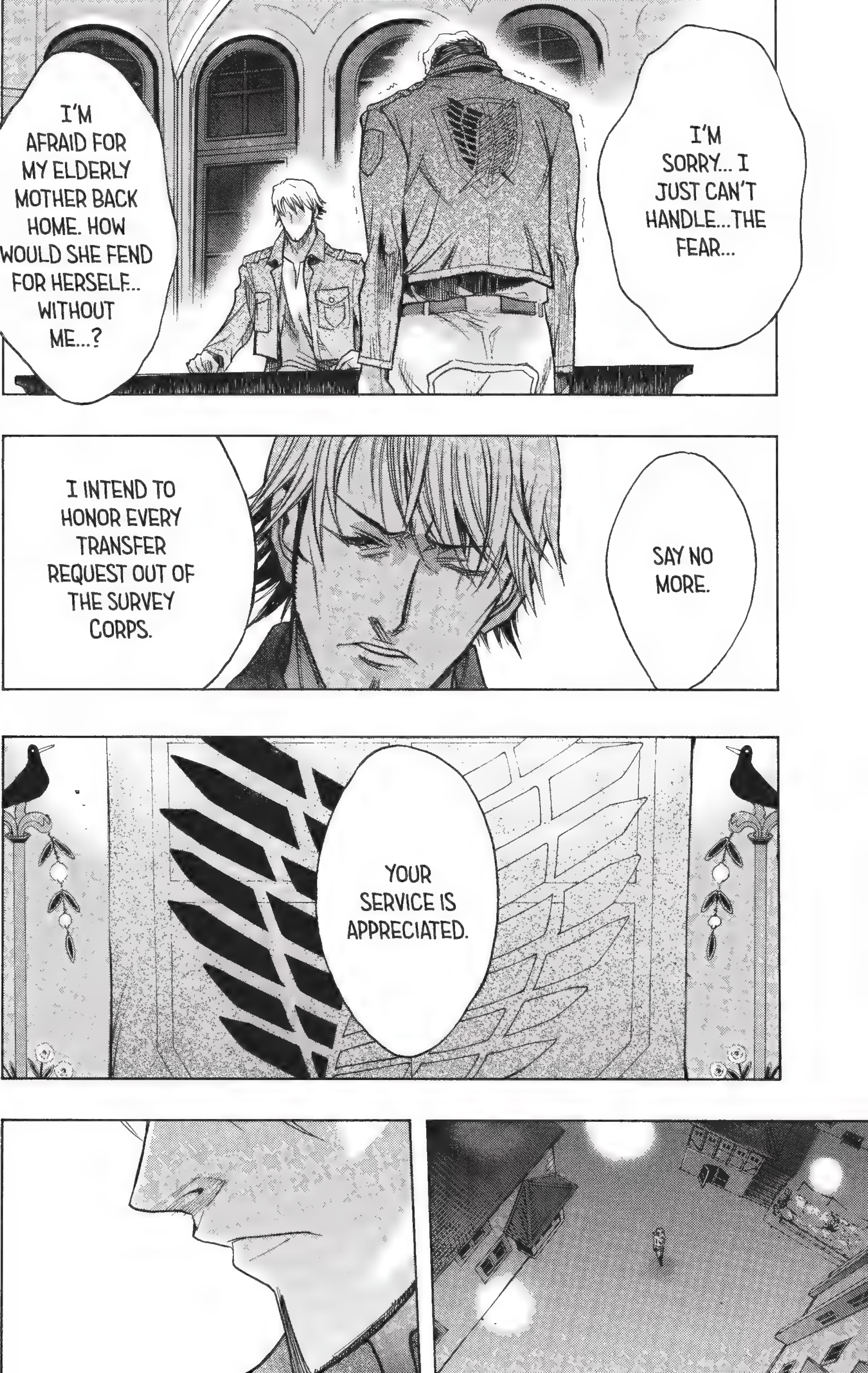
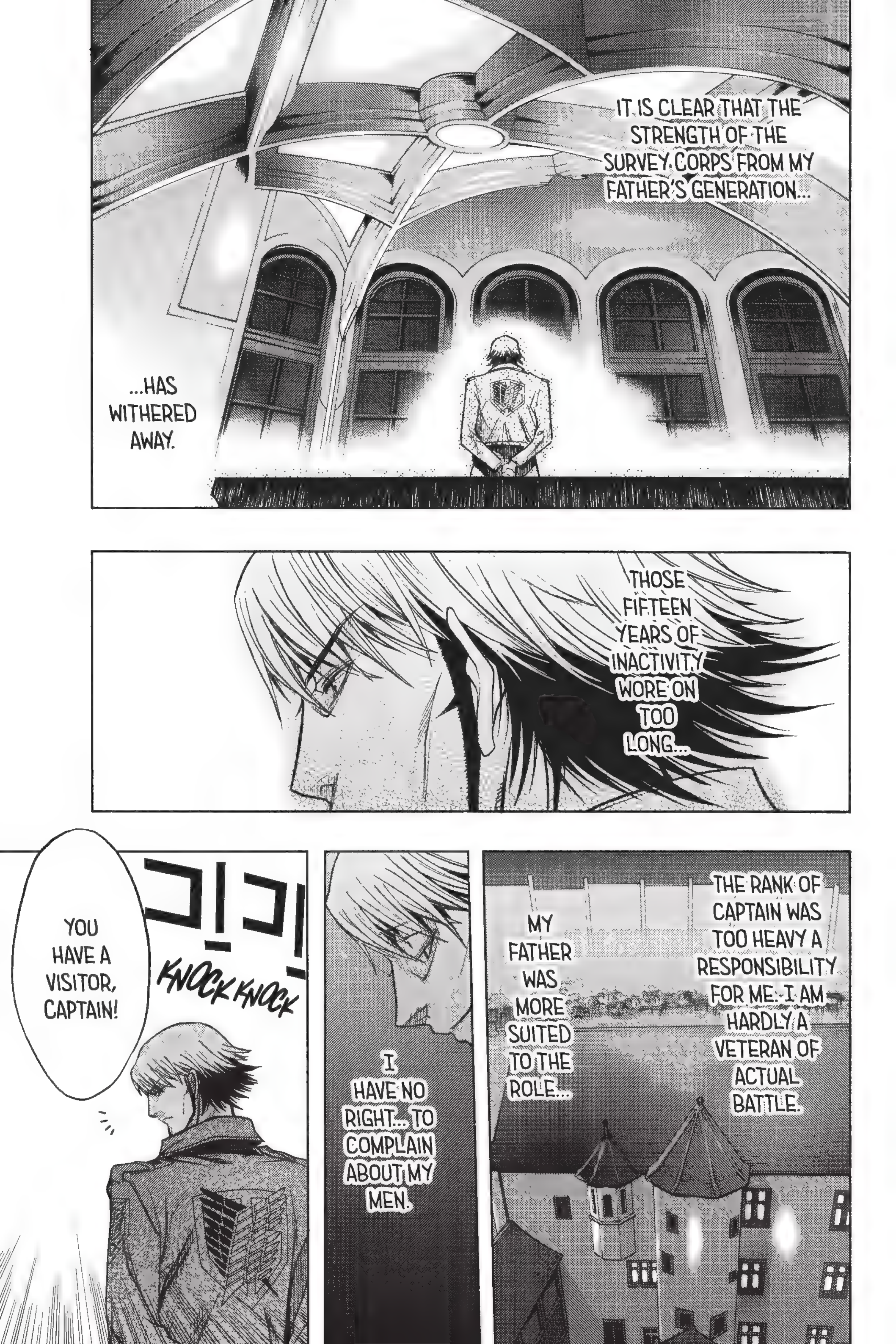
A MISERABLE OUTCOME...


JUST LOOK AT HOW MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAD THEIR SPIRITS BROKEN BY THE TITAN.
IS THIS ALL OF THE TRANSFER REQUESTS FROM THE SURVEY CORPS?
NO.
I REGRET TO INFORM YOU OF ONE MORE.
ANOTHER?!
CAPTAIN CARLO...
I WISH... TO TRANSFER TO THE GARRISON...


I'M SORRY... I JUST CAN'T HANDLE...THE FEAR...
I'M AFRAID FOR MY ELDERLY MOTHER BACK HOME. HOW WOULD SHE FEND FOR HERSELF... WITHOUT ME...?
SAY NO MORE.
I INTEND TO HONOR EVERY TRANSFER REQUEST OUT OF THE SURVEY CORPS.
YOUR SERVICE IS APPRECIATED.


IT IS CLEAR THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE SURVEY CORPS FROM MY FATHER'S GENERATION...
...HAS WITHERED AWAY.
THOSE FIFTEEN YEARS OF INACTIVITY WORE ON TOO LONG...
THE RANK OF CAPTAIN WAS TOO HEAVY A RESPONSIBILITY FOR ME. I AM HARDLY A VETERAN OF ACTUAL BATTLE.
MY FATHER WAS MORE SUITED TO THE ROLE...
I HAVE NO RIGHT... TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MY MEN.
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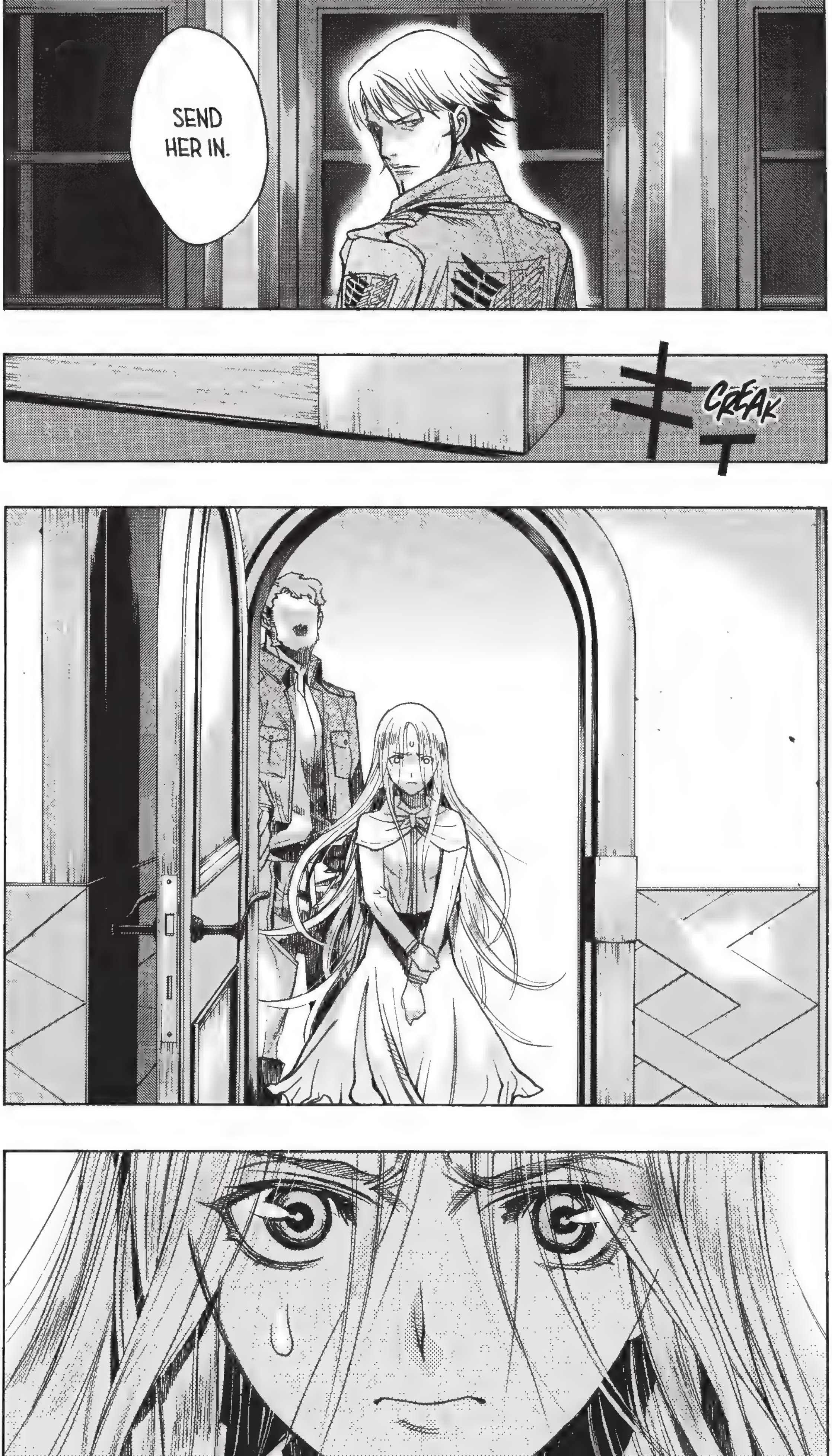
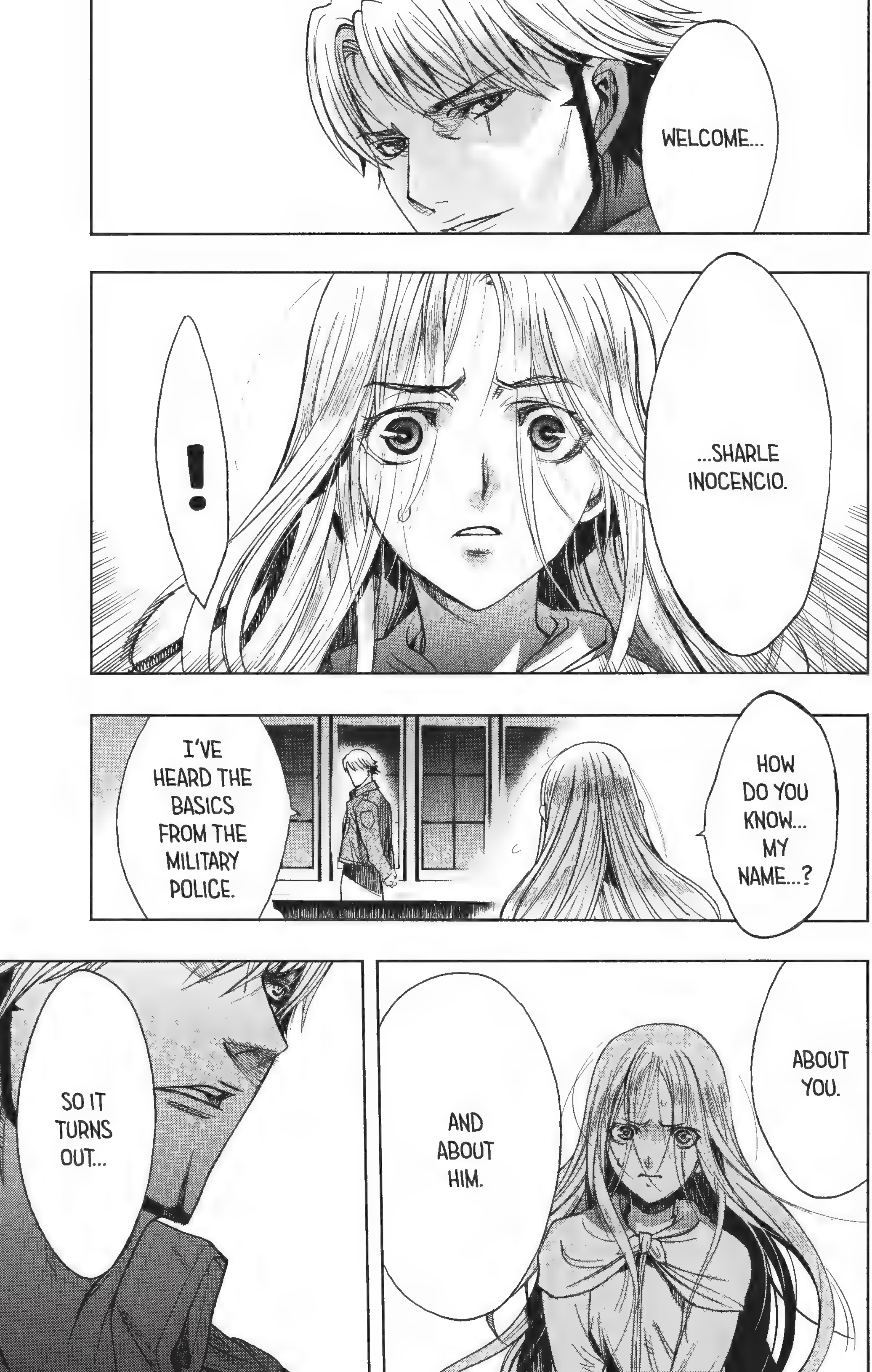
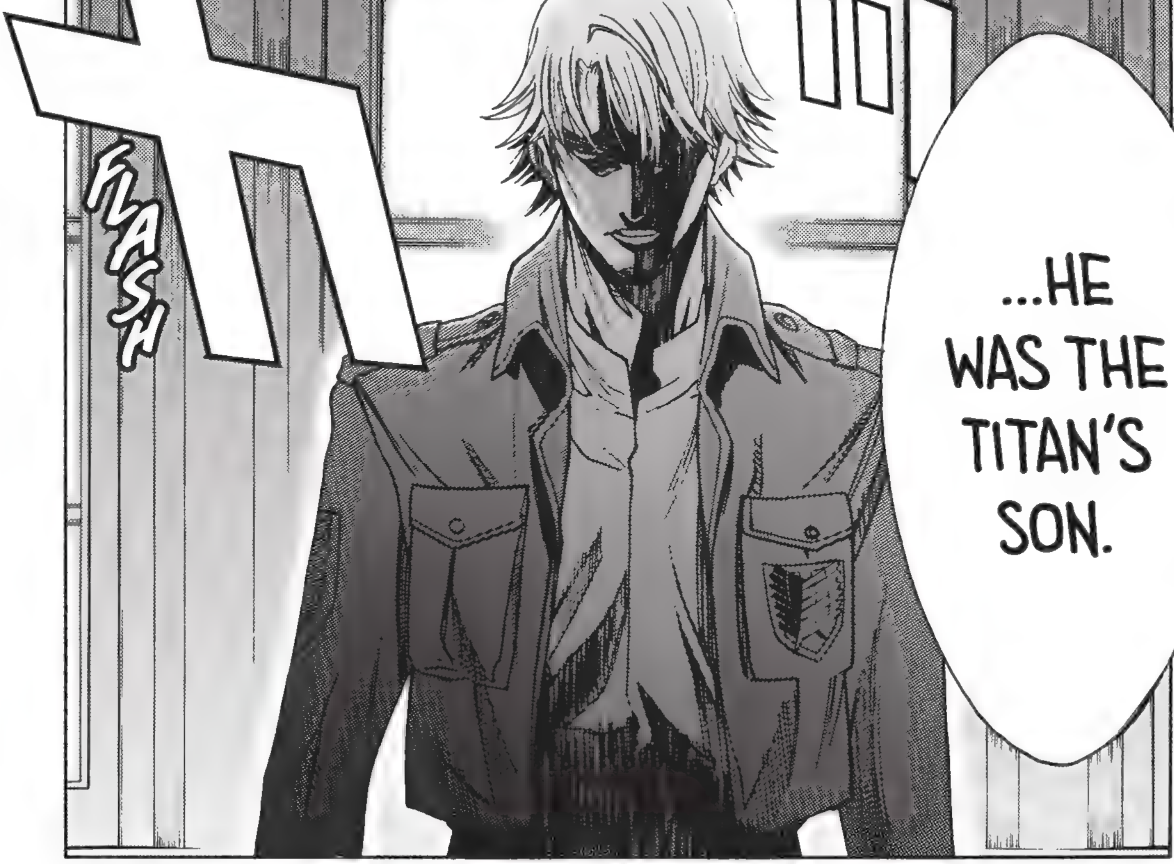
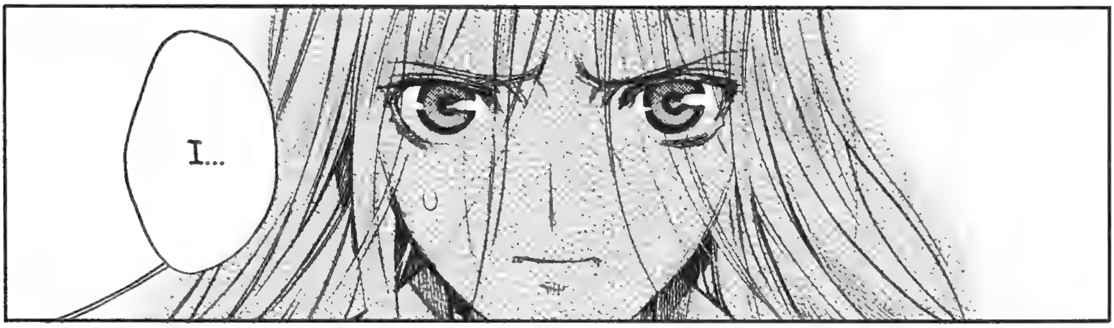
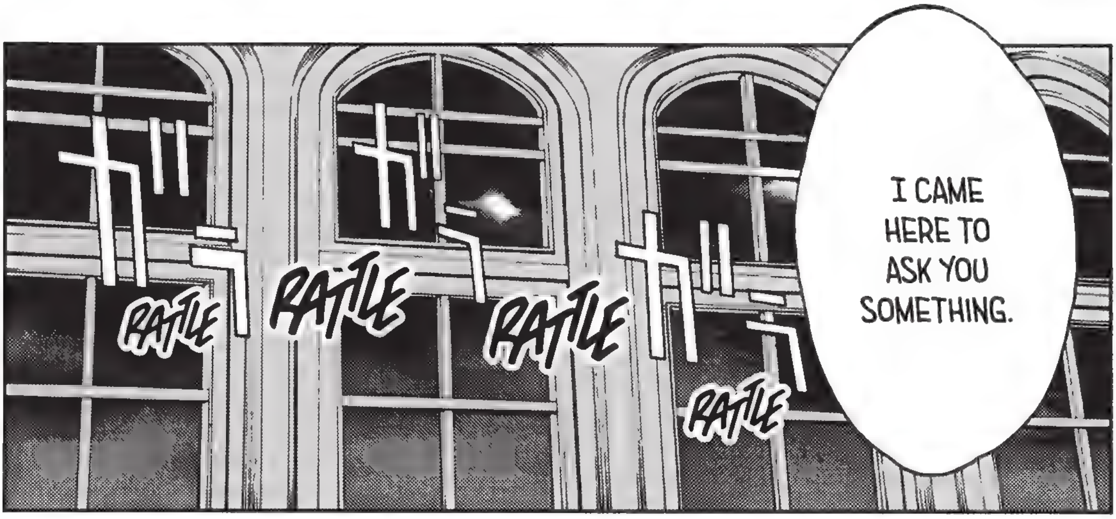
KNOCK KNOCK
YOU HAVE A VISITOR, CAPTAIN!

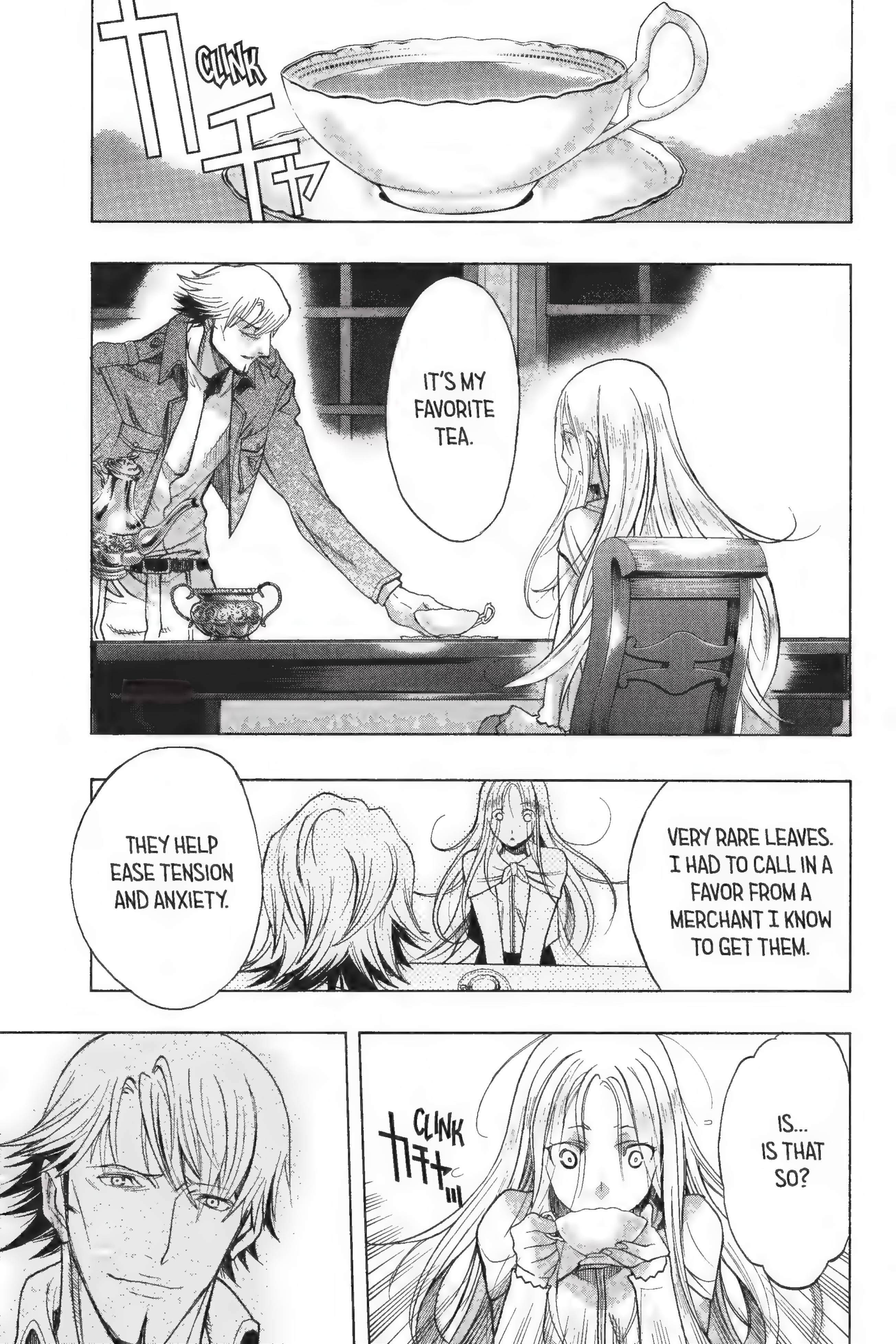

SEND HER IN.
CREAK


WELCOME...
...SHARLE INOCENCIO.
!
HOW DO YOU KNOW... MY NAME...?
I'VE HEARD THE BASICS FROM THE MILITARY POLICE.
ABOUT YOU.
AND ABOUT HIM.
SO IT TURNS OUT...


...HE WAS THE TITAN'S SON.
FLASH


I...


I CAME HERE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE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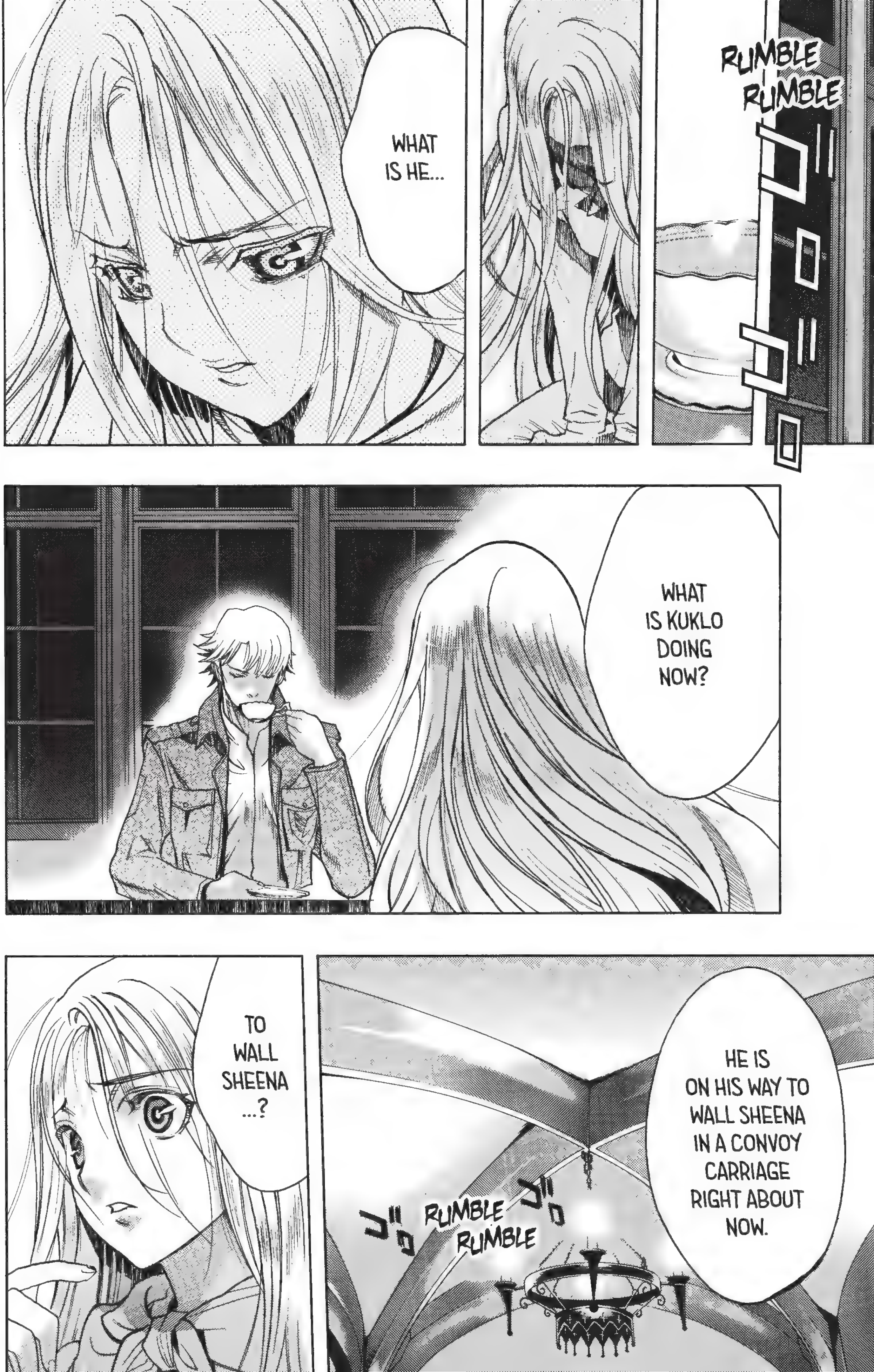
CLINK
IT'S MY FAVORITE TEA.
VERY RARE LEAVES. I HAD TO CALL IN A FAVOR FROM A MERCHANT I KNOW TO GET THEM.
THEY HELP EASE TENSION AND ANXIETY.
IS... IS THAT SO?
カチャ
CLINK


RUMBLE RUMBLE
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WHAT IS HE...
WHAT IS KUKLO DOING NOW?
HE IS ON HIS WAY TO WALL SHEENA IN A CONVOY CARRIAGE RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
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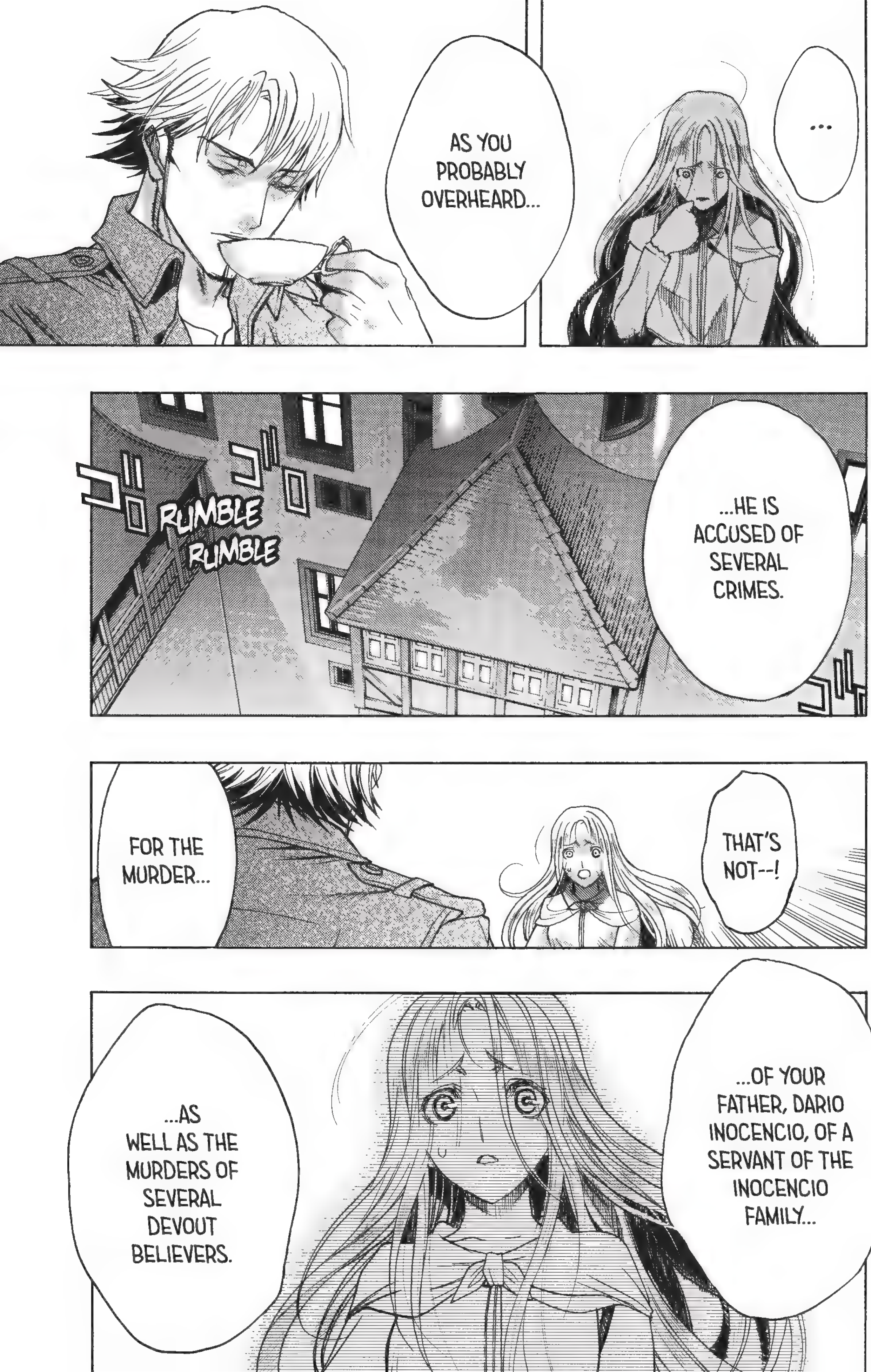
TO WALL SHEENA ...?


AS YOU PROBABLY OVERHEARD...
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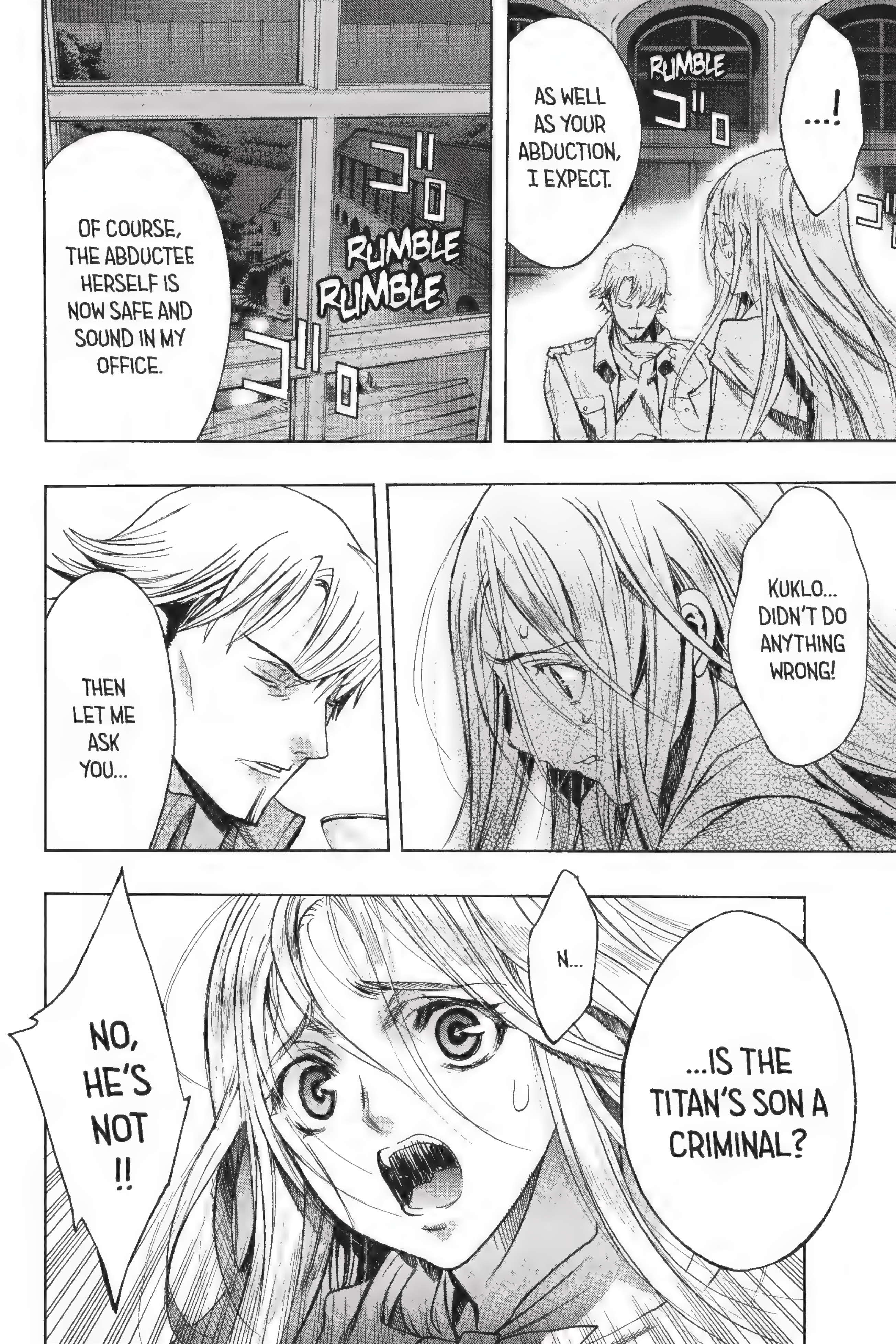
RUMBLE RUMBLE
...HE IS ACCUSED OF SEVERAL CRIMES.
FOR THE MURDER...
THAT'S NOT--!
...OF YOUR FATHER, DARIO INOCENCIO, OF A SERVANT OF THE INOCENCIO FAMILY...
...AS WELL AS THE MURDERS OF SEVERAL DEVOUT BELIEVERS.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AS WELL AS YOUR ABDUCTION, I EXPECT.
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RUMBLE RUMBLE
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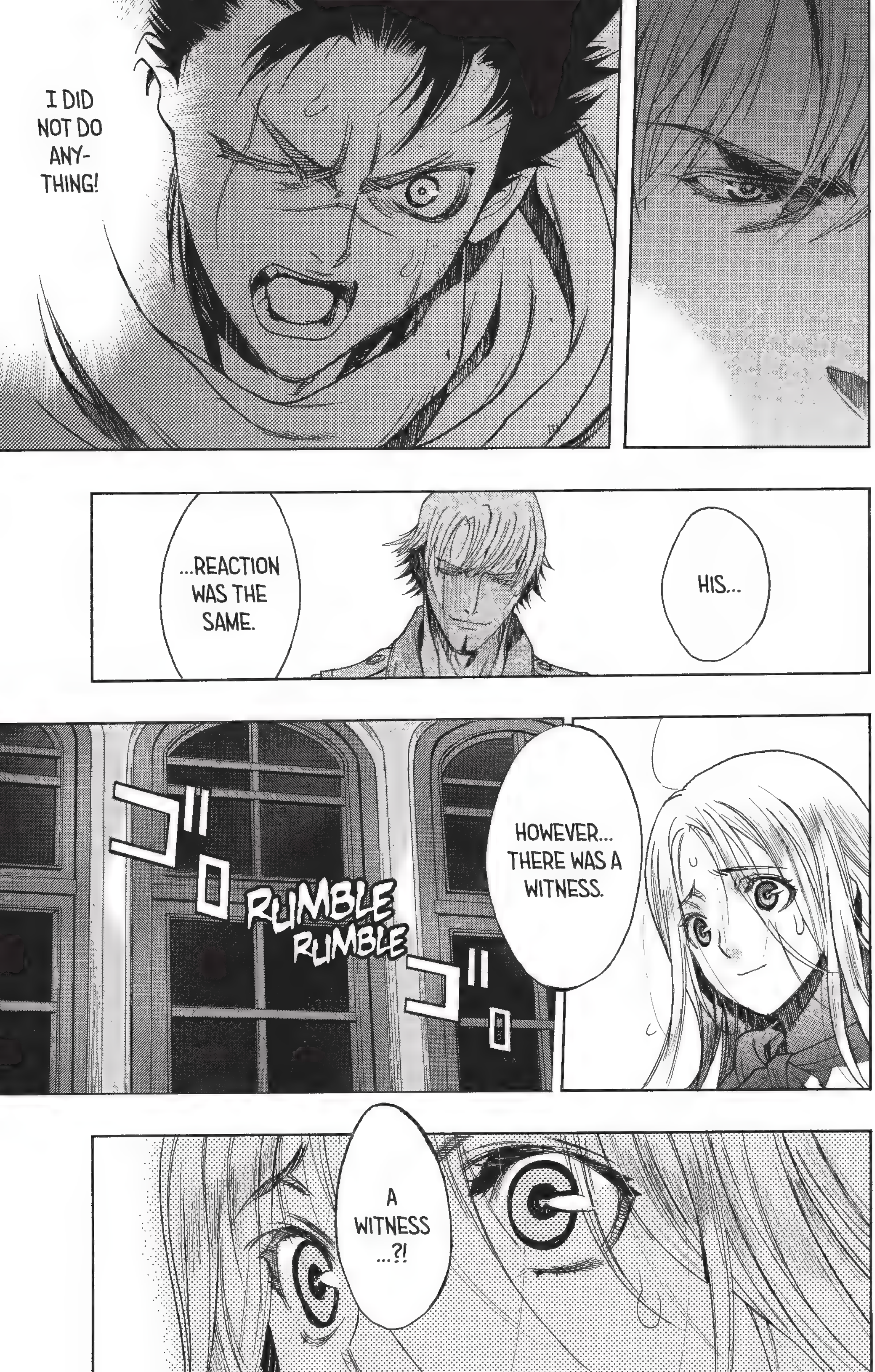
OF COURSE, THE ABDUCTEE HERSELF IS NOW SAFE AND SOUND IN MY OFFICE.
KUKLO... DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
THEN LET ME ASK YOU...
...IS THE TITAN'S SON A CRIMINAL?
N...
NO, HE'S NOT !!


I DID NOT DO ANYTHING!
HIS...
...REACTION WAS THE SAME.
HOWEVER... THERE WAS A WITNESS.
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RUMBLE RUMBLE
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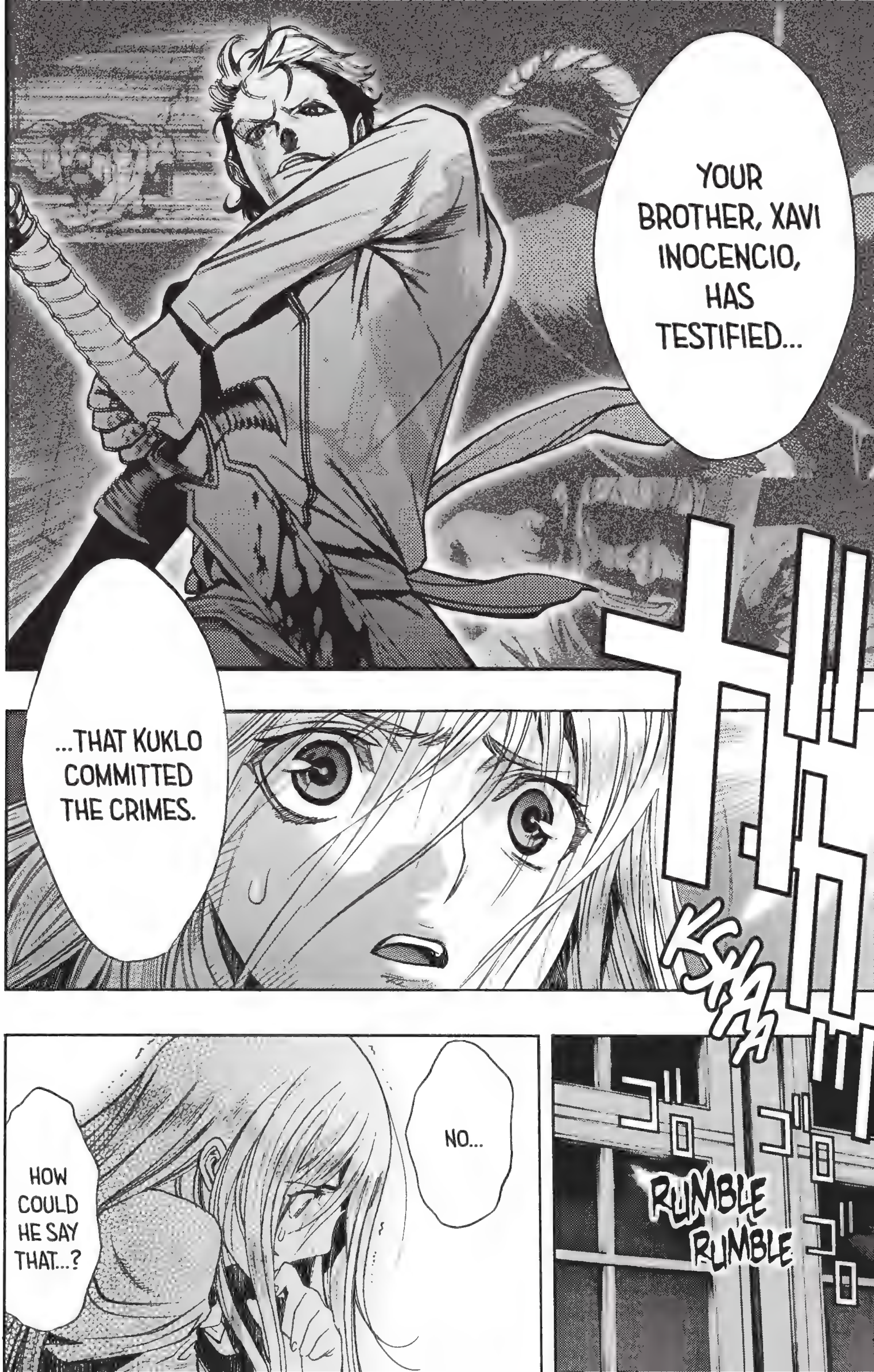
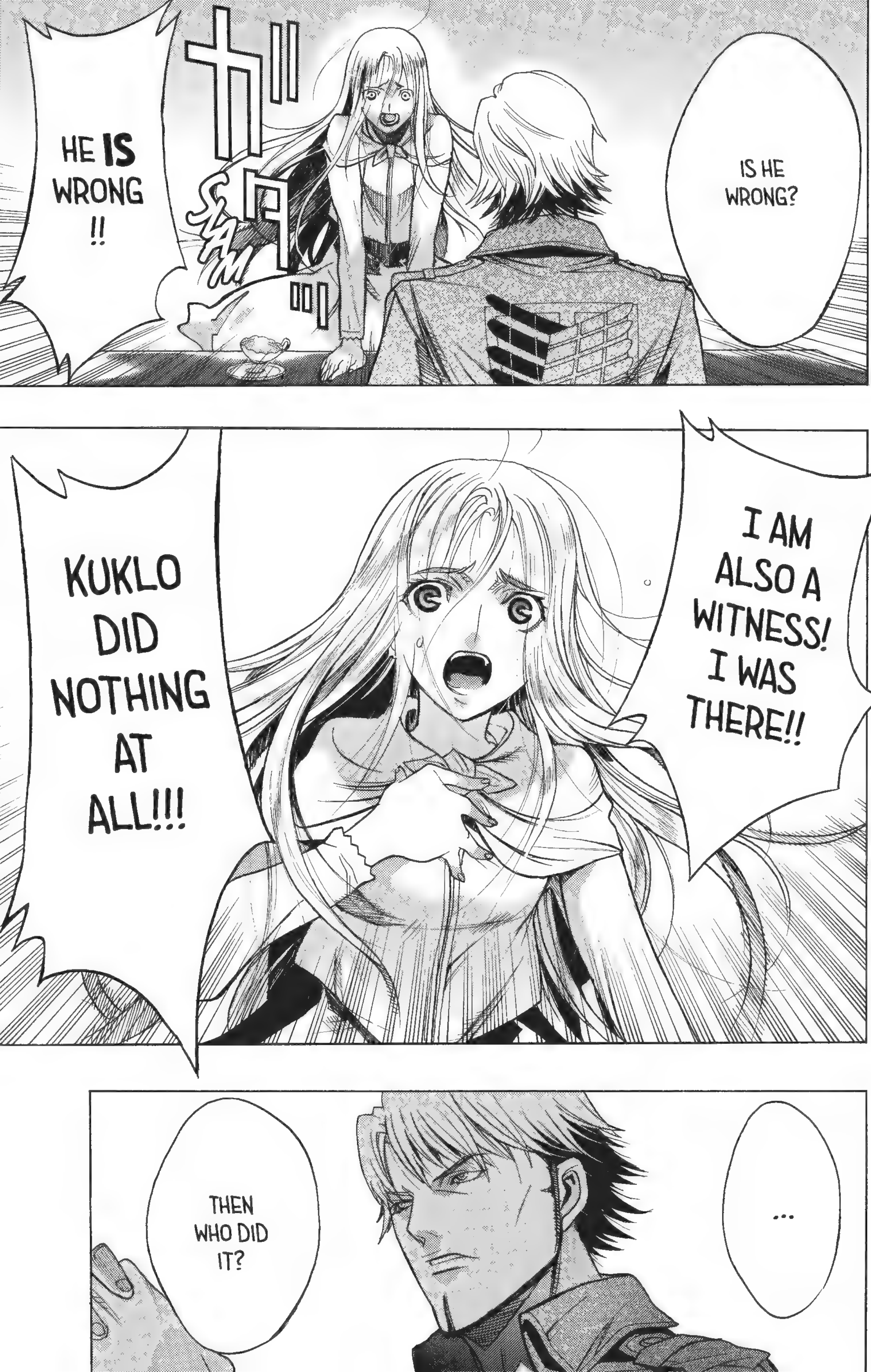
A WITNESS ...?!


YOUR BROTHER, XAVI INOCENCIO, HAS TESTIFIED...
...THAT KUKLO COMMITTED THE CRIMES.
KSHAA
RUMBLE RUMBLE
NO...
HOW COULD HE SAY THAT...?


IS HE WRONG?
HE **IS** WRONG!!
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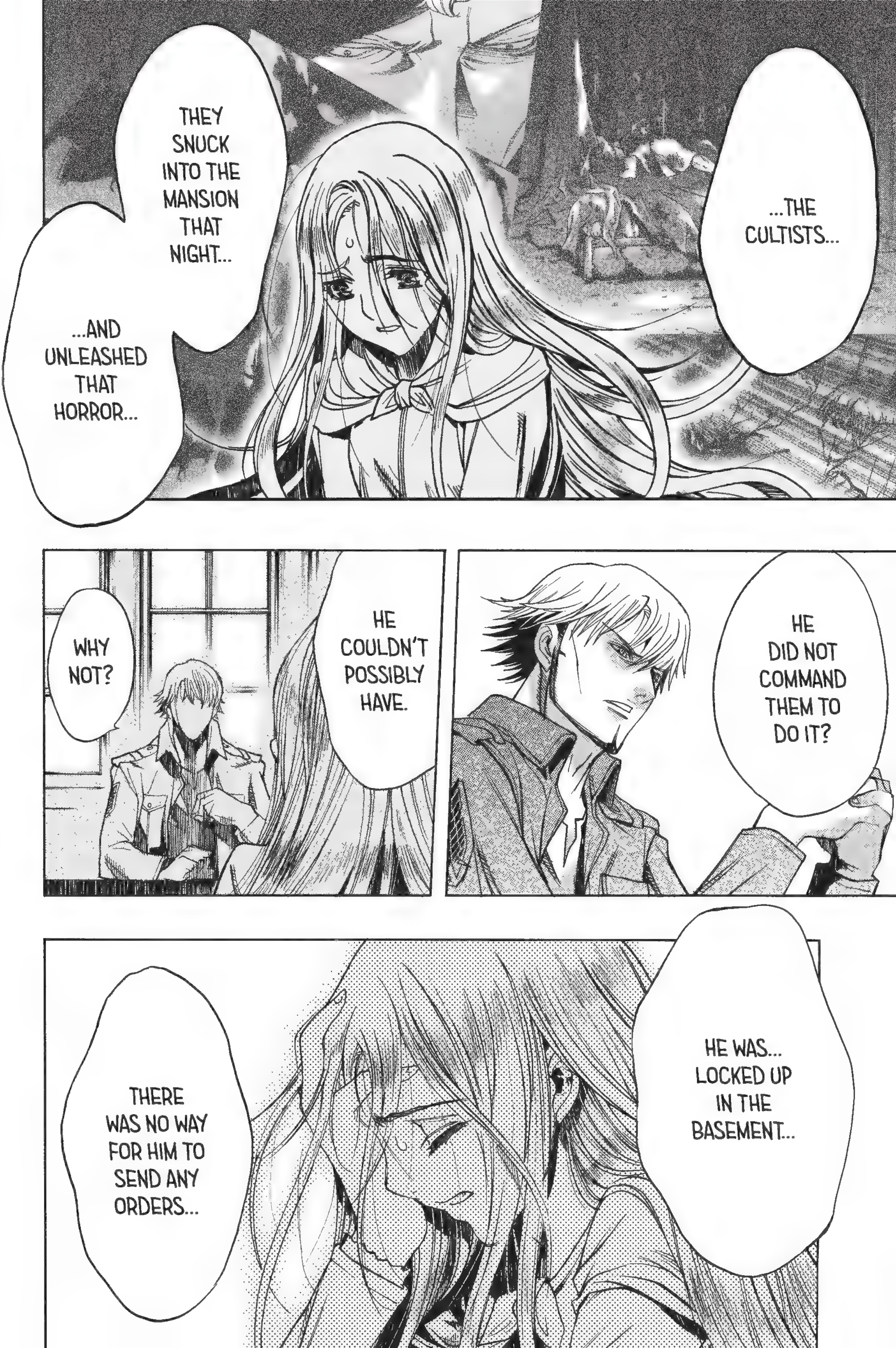
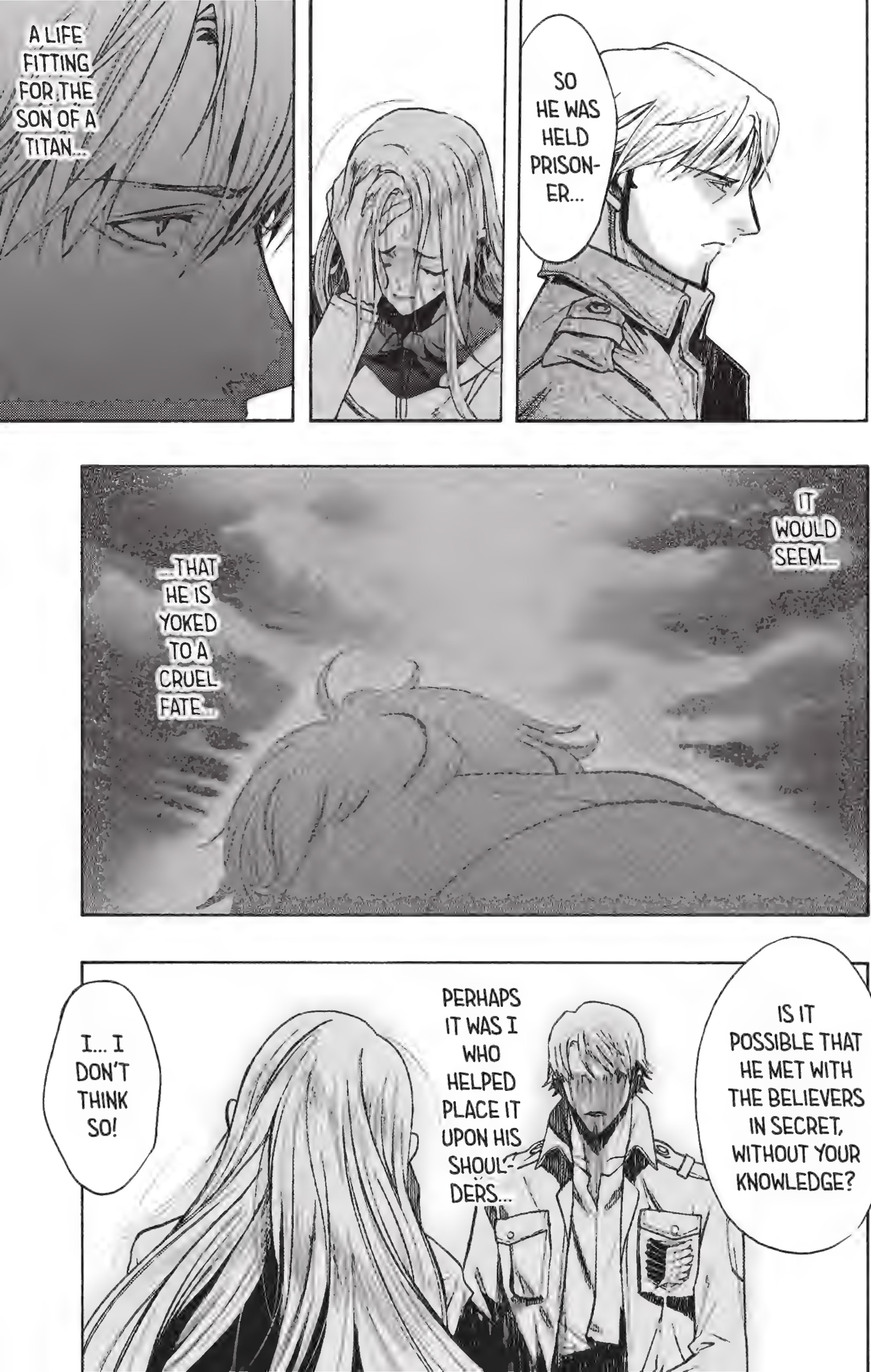
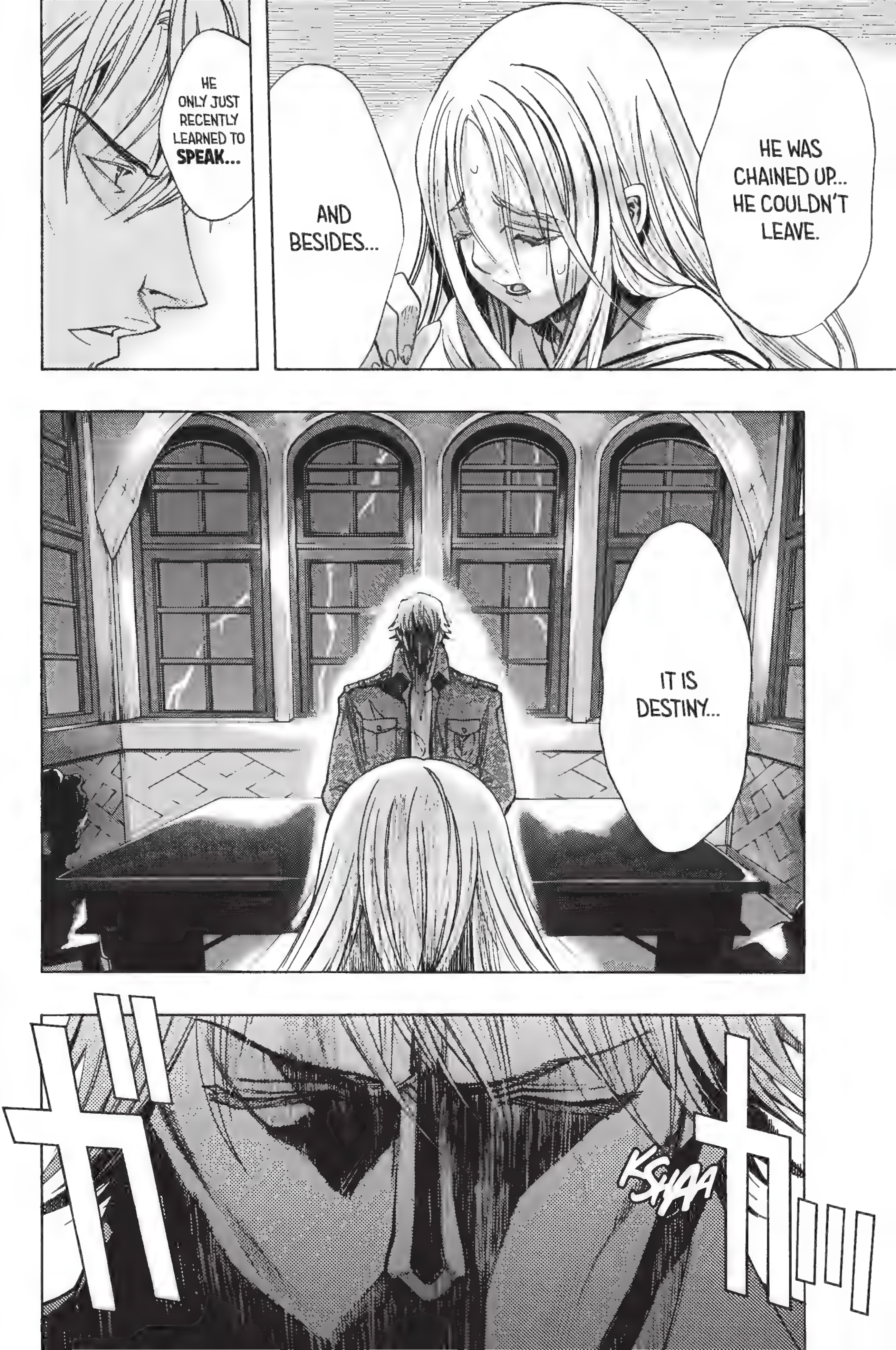
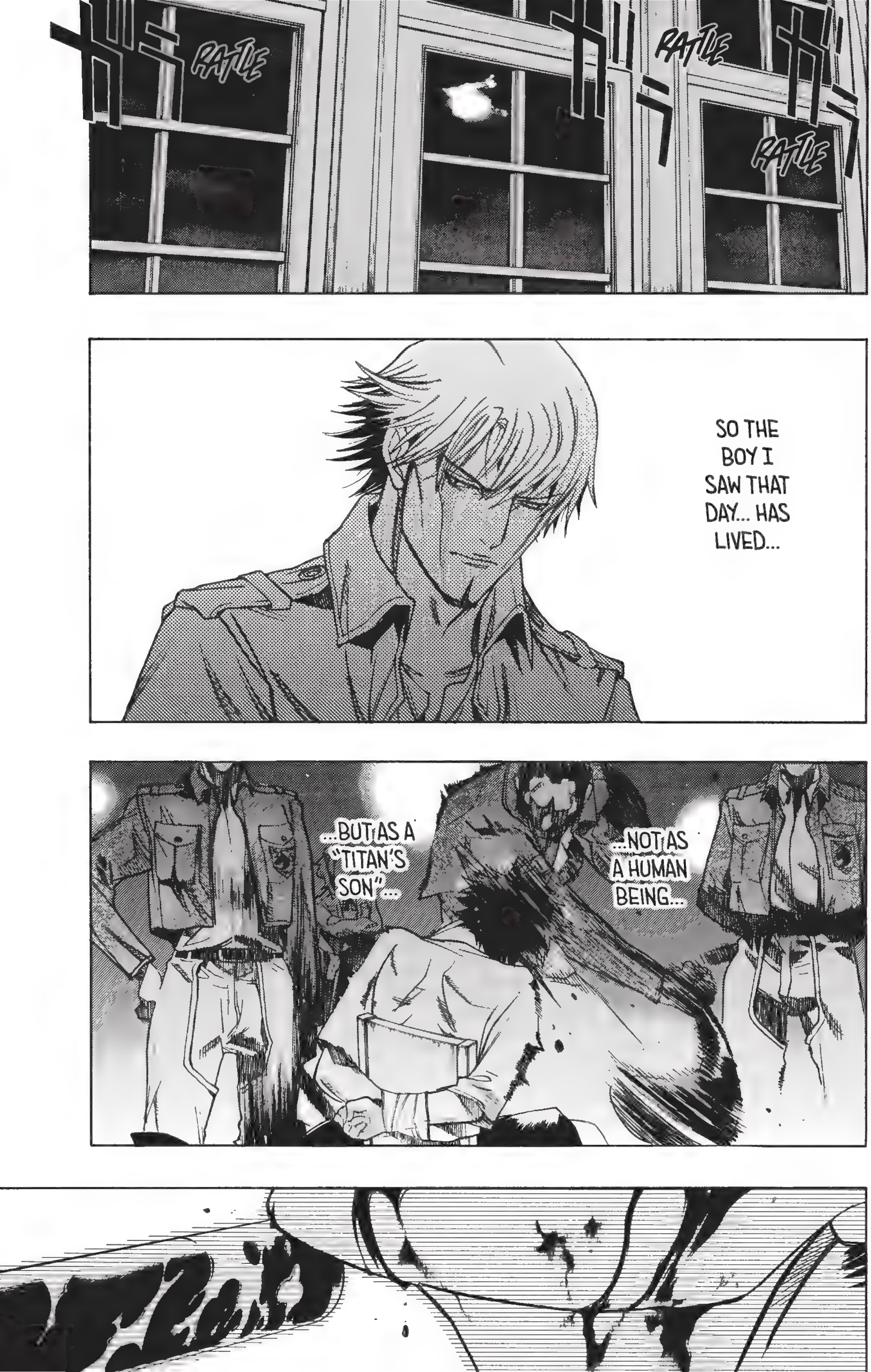
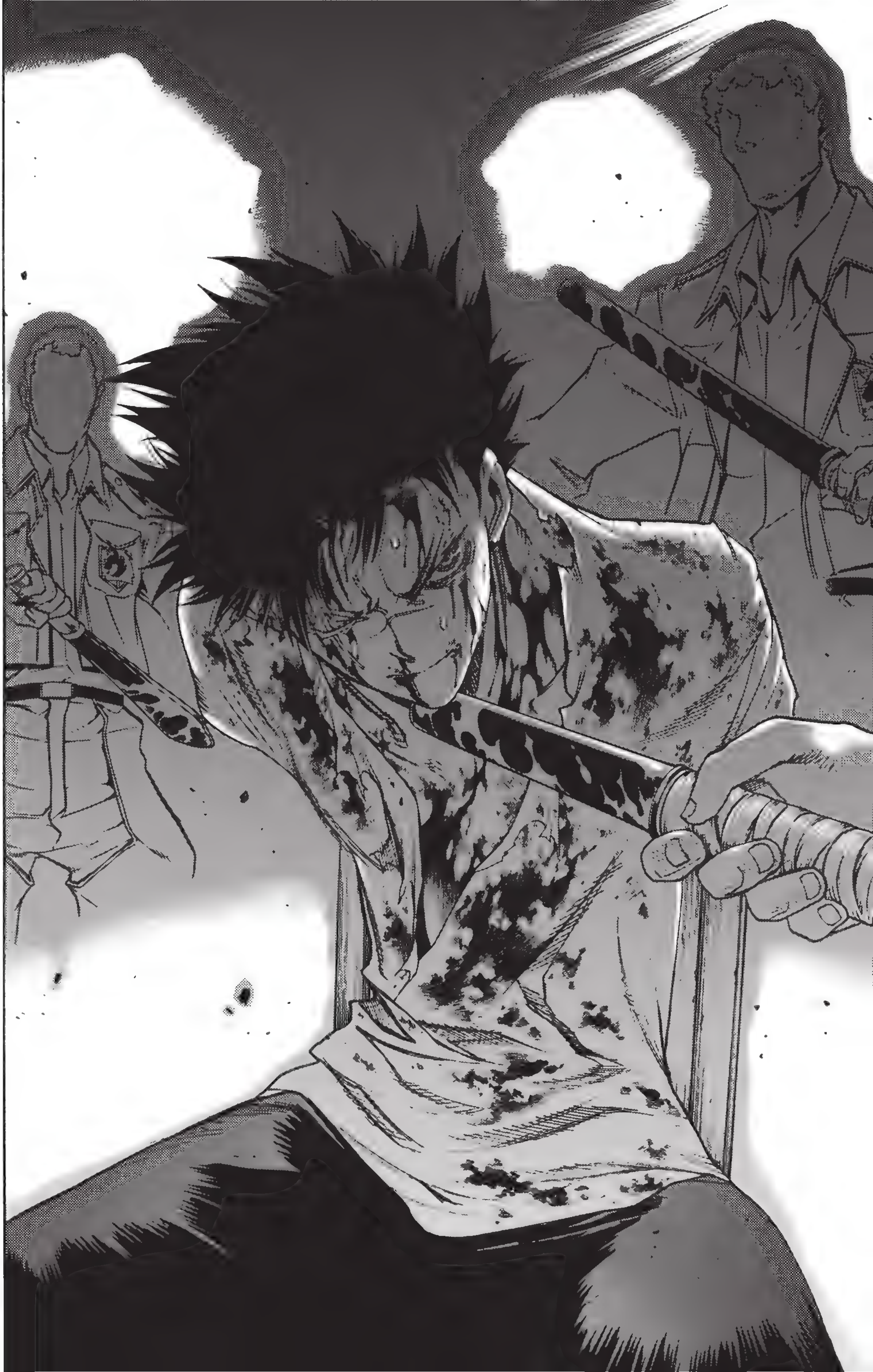
SLAM
I AM ALSO A WITNESS! I WAS THERE!!
KUKLO DID NOTHING AT ALL!!!
...
THEN WHO DID IT?


...THE CULTISTS...
THEY SNUCK INTO THE MANSION THAT NIGHT...
...AND UNLEASHED THAT HORROR...
HE DID NOT COMMAND THEM TO DO IT?
HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE.
WHY NOT?
HE WAS... LOCKED UP IN THE BASEMENT...
THERE WAS NO WAY FOR HIM TO SEND ANY ORDERS...


SO HE WAS HELD PRISONER...
A LIFE FITTING FOR THE SON OF A TITAN...
IT WOULD SEEM...
...THAT HE IS YOKED TO A CRUEL FATE...
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT HE MET WITH THE BELIEVERS IN SECRET, WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE?
PERHAPS IT WAS I WHO HELPED PLACE IT UPON HIS SHOULDERS...
I... I DON'T THINK SO!


HE WAS CHAINED UP... HE COULDN'T LEAVE.
AND BESIDES...
HE ONLY JUST RECENTLY LEARNED TO **SPEAK...**
IT IS DESTINY...
KSHAA


RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
SO THE BOY I SAW THAT DAY... HAS LIVED...
...NOT AS A HUMAN BEING...
...BUT AS A "TITAN'S SON"...



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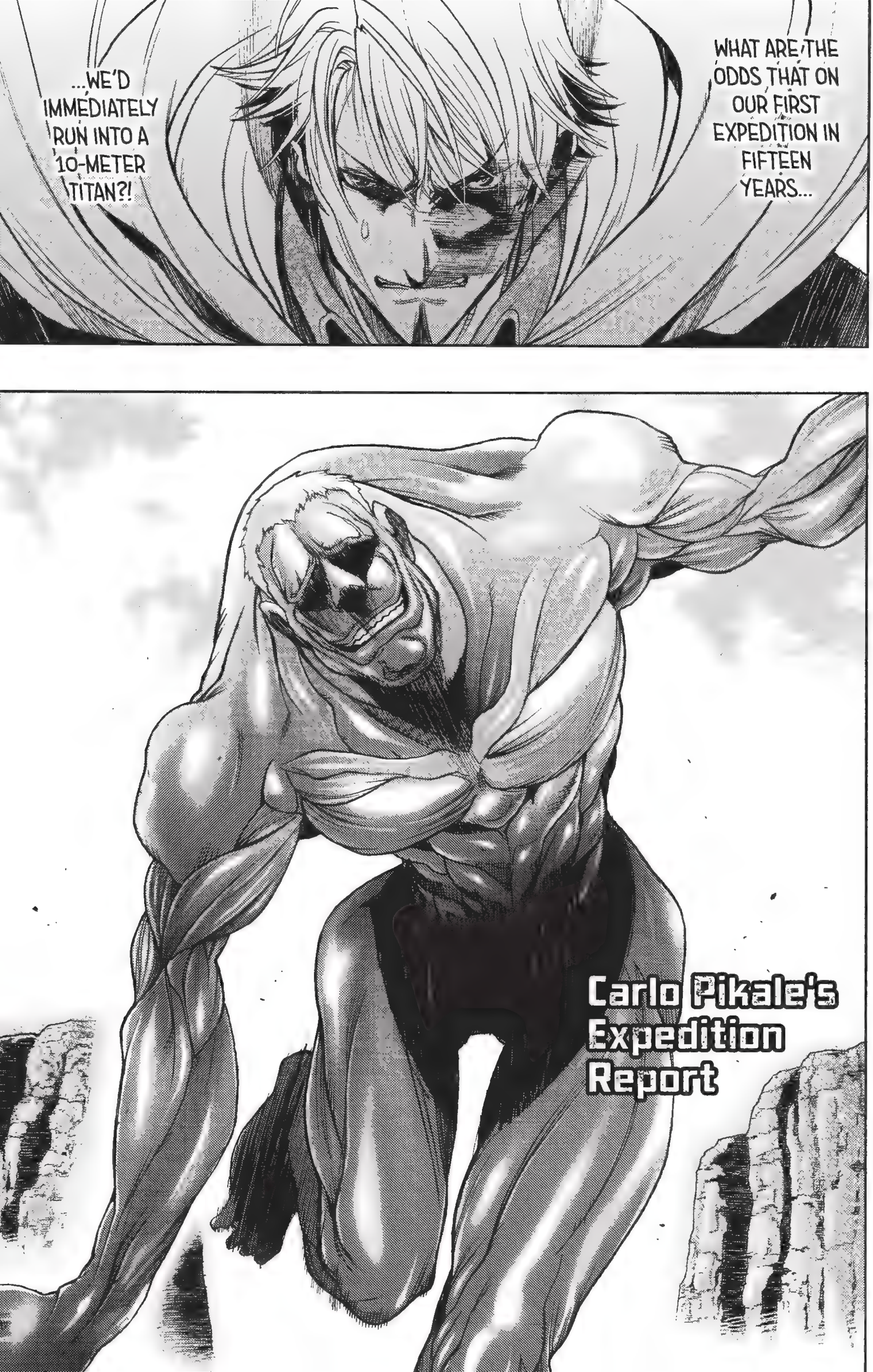
WHAT ARE THE ODDS THAT ON OUR FIRST EXPEDITION IN FIFTEEN YEARS...
...WE'D IMMEDIATELY RUN INTO A 10-METER TITAN?!

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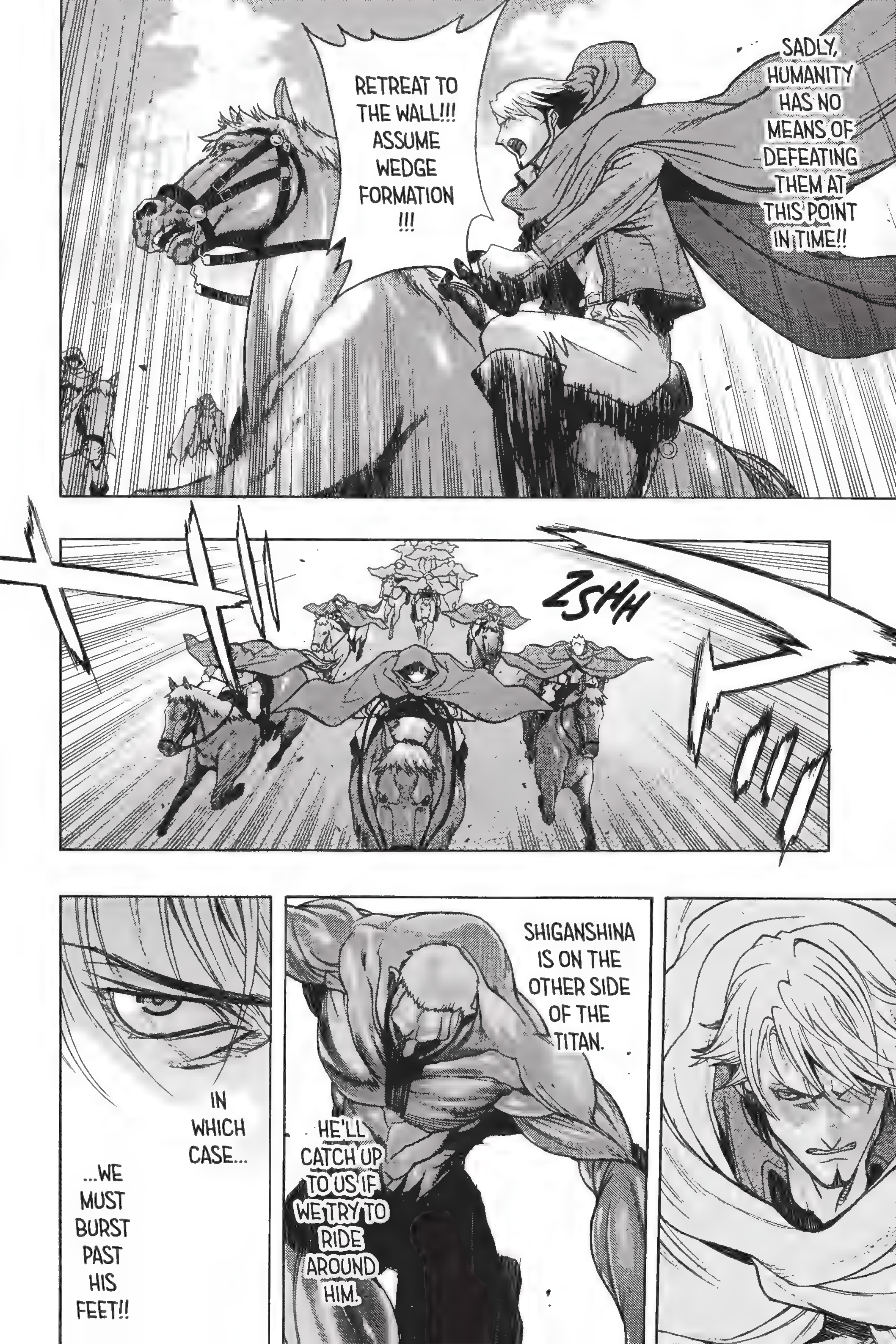
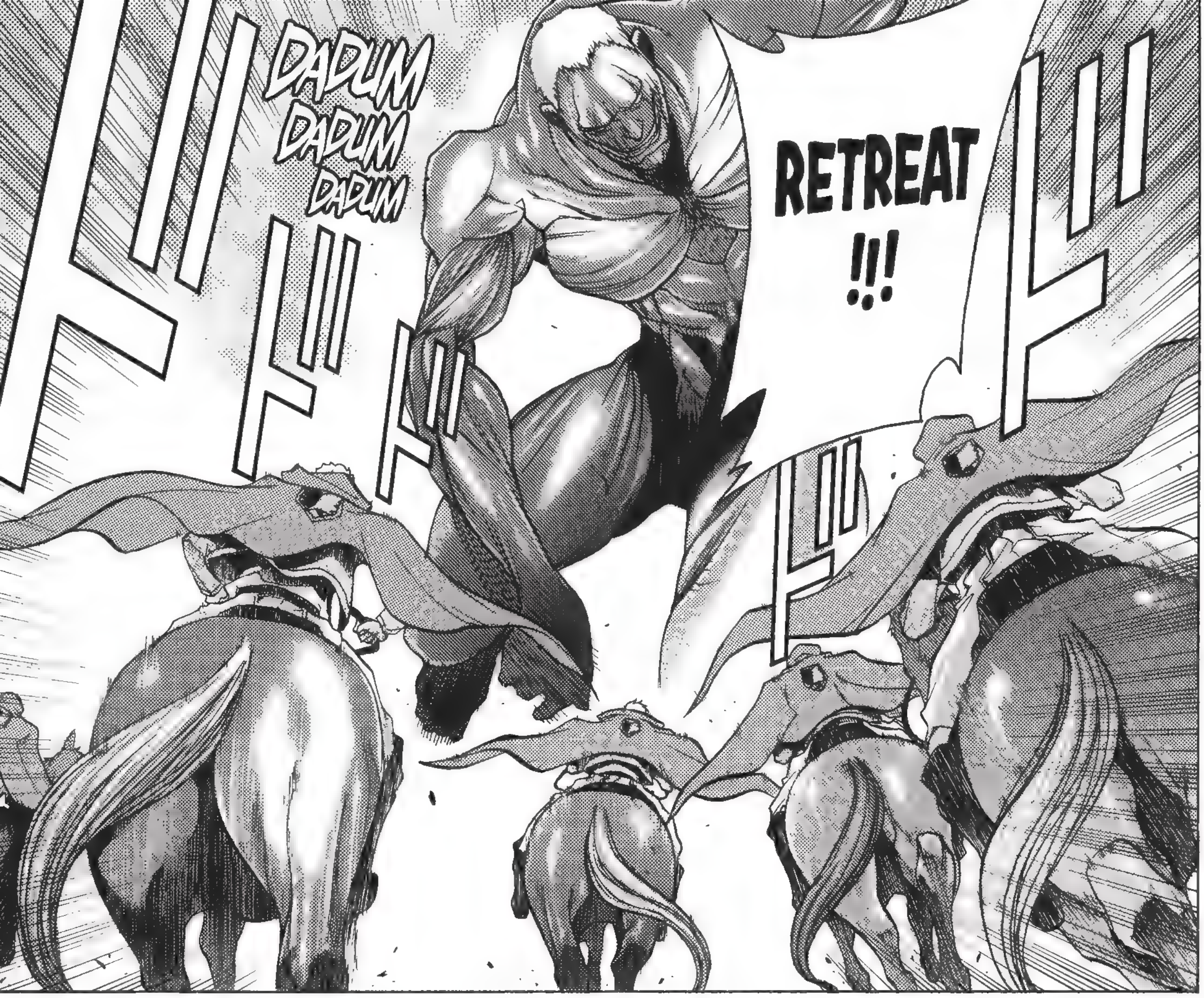
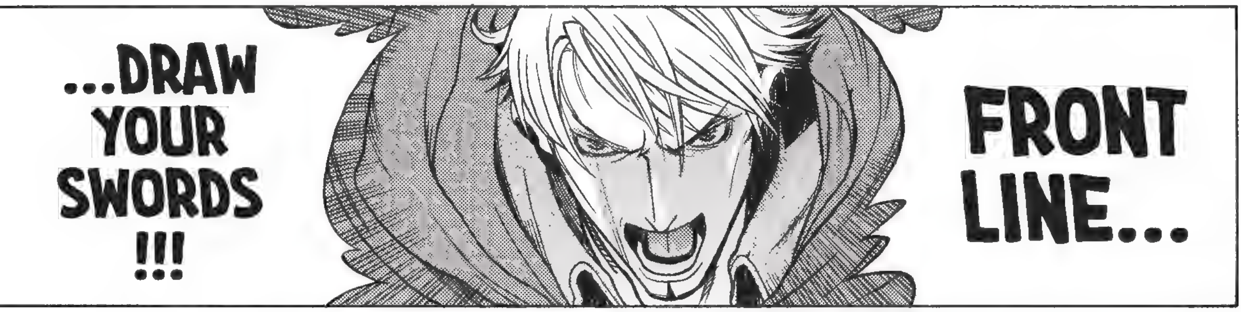
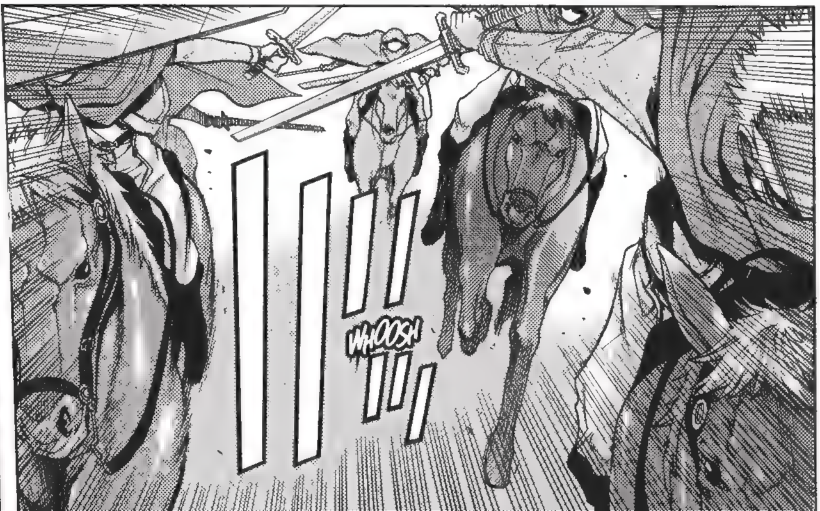
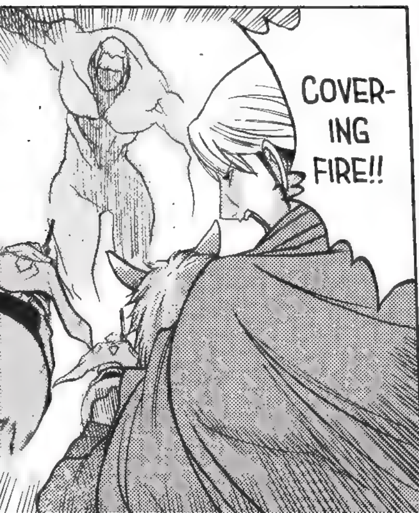
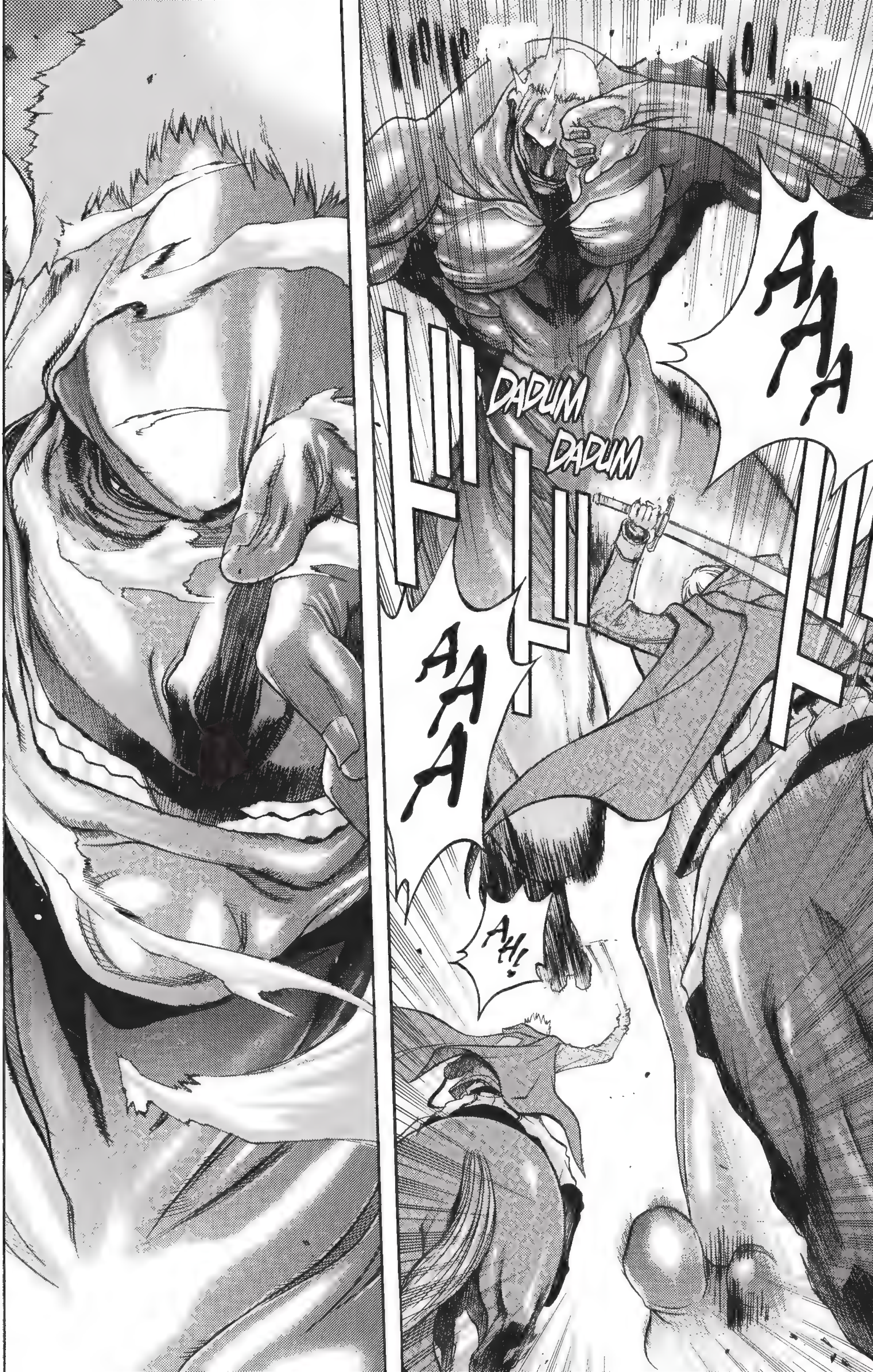

SADLY, HUMANITY HAS NO MEANS OF DEFEATING THEM AT THIS POINT IN TIME!!
RETREAT TO THE WALL!!! ASSUME WEDGE FORMATION!!!
ZSHH
SHIGANSHINA IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TITAN.
HE'LL CATCH UP TO US IF WE TRY TO RIDE AROUND HIM.
IN WHICH CASE...
...WE MUST BURST PAST HIS FEET!!

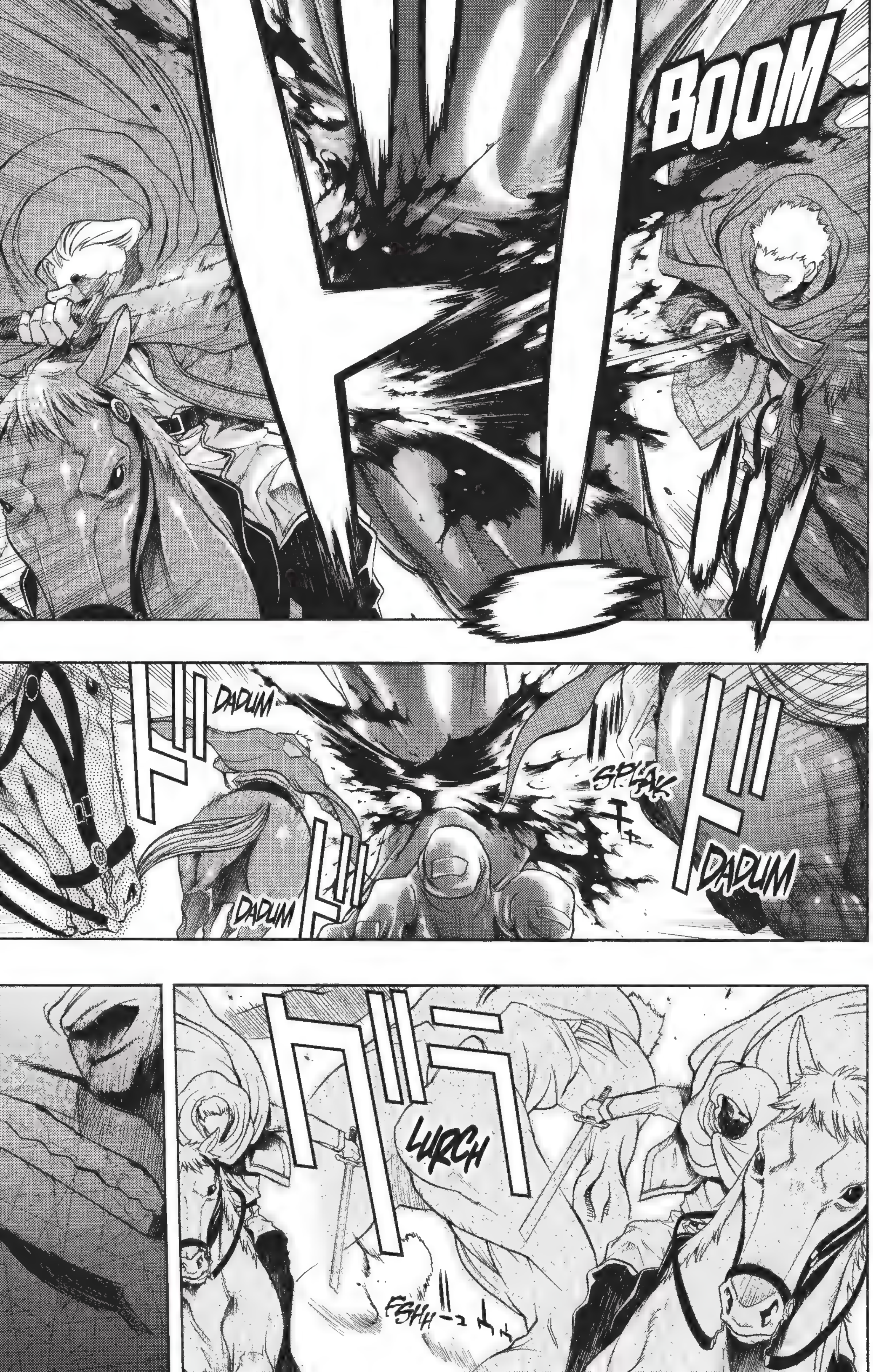

RETREAT!!!
DADUM DADUM DADUM

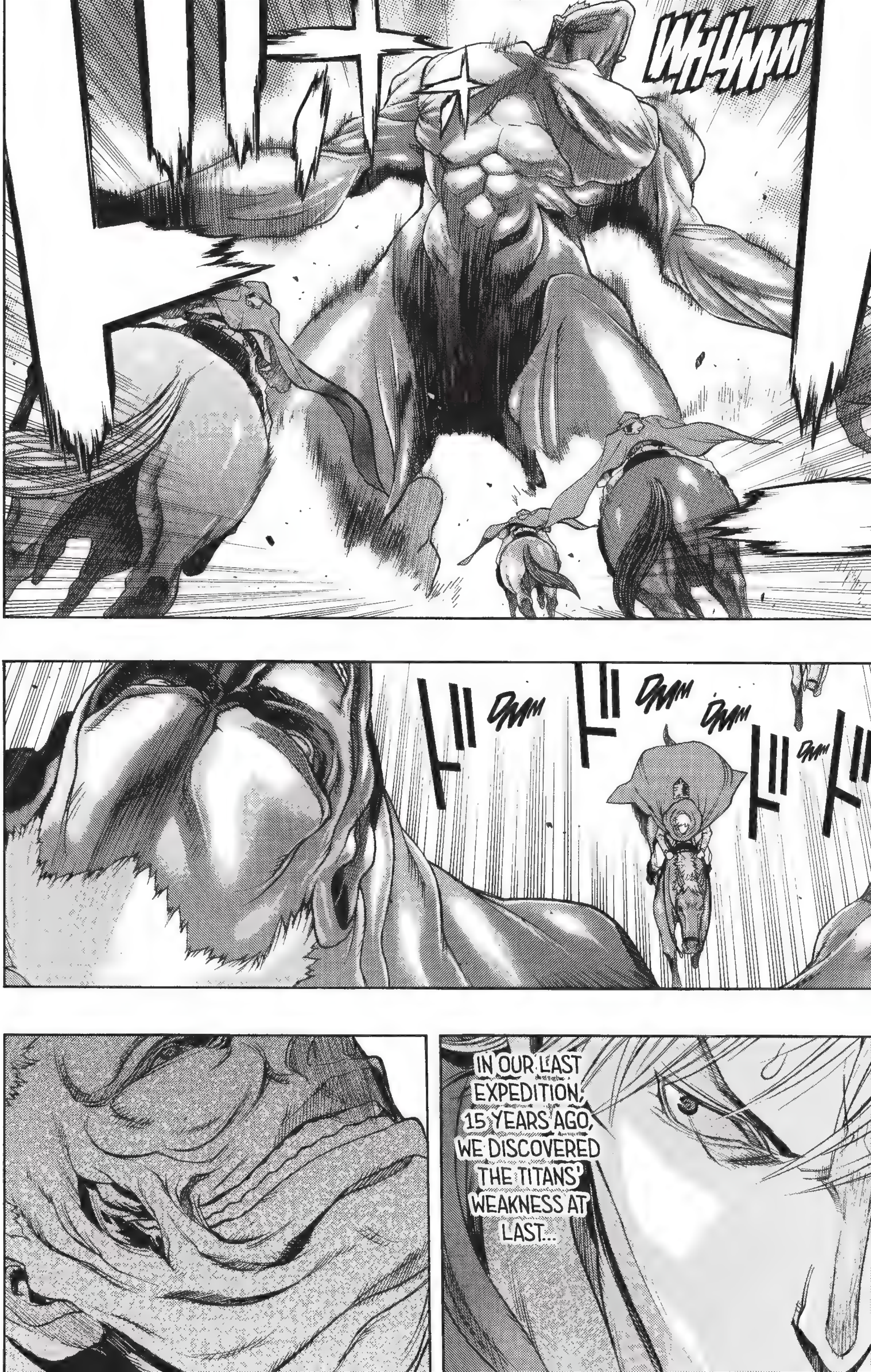

FRONT LINE...
...DRAW YOUR SWORDS!!!


WHOOSH


COVERING FIRE!!


AAAA
HIII
DADUM
DADUM
HIII
HIII
AAAA
AH!!


BOOM
DADUM
SPLAK
DADUM
DADUM
LURCH
FSHH


WHUMM
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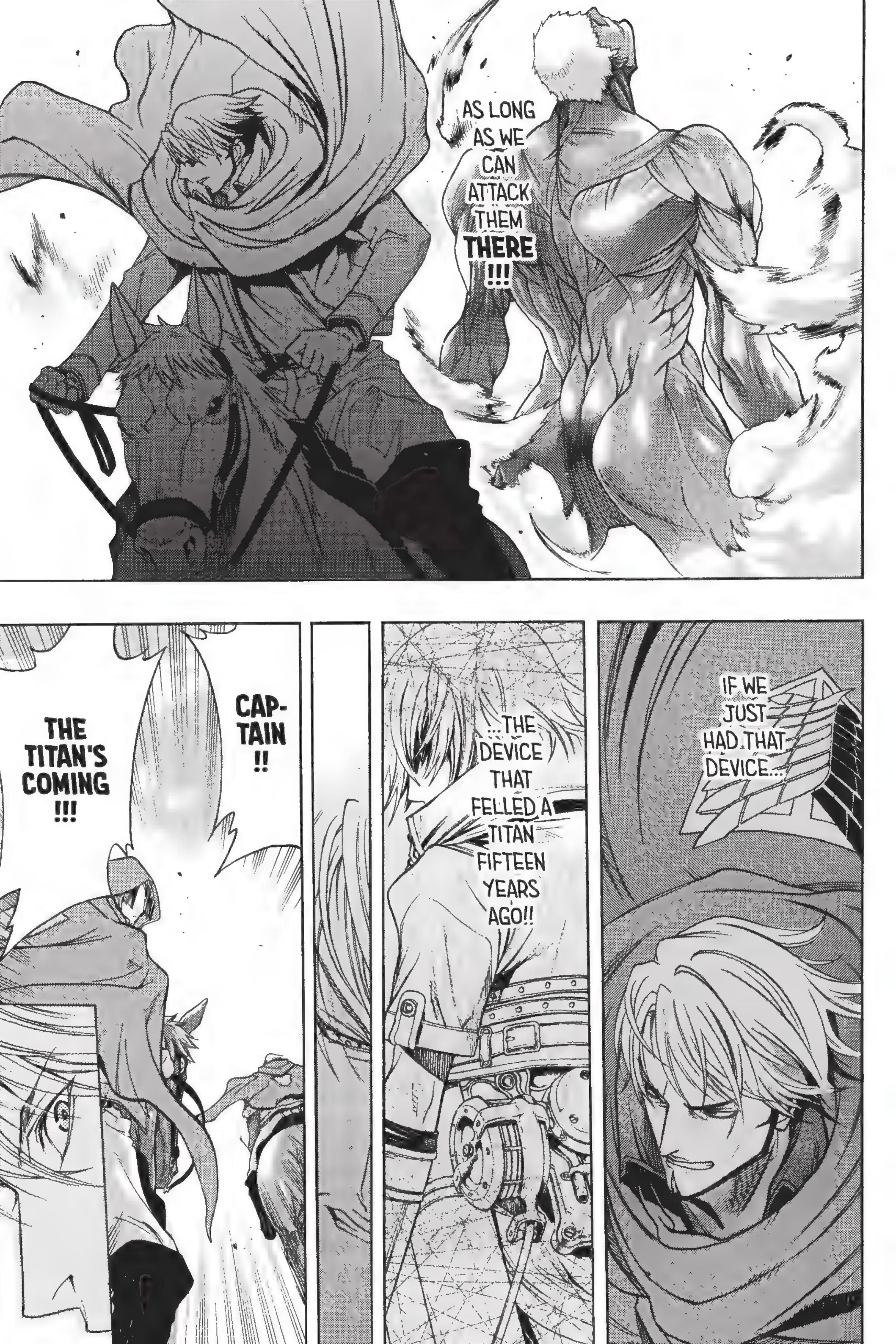
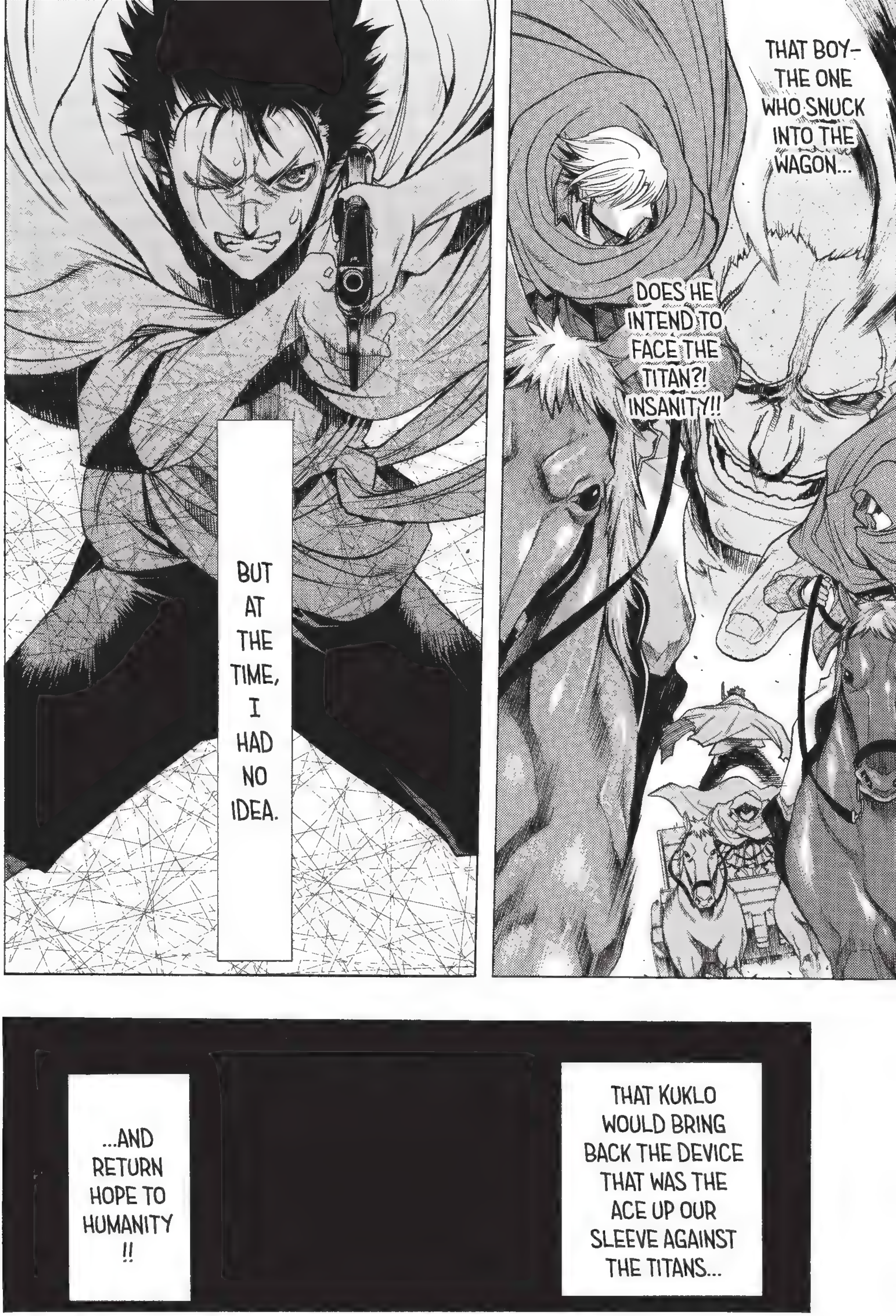
IN OUR LAST EXPEDITION, 15 YEARS AGO, WE DISCOVERED THE TITANS' WEAKNESS AT LAST...


AS LONG AS WE CAN ATTACK THEM **THERE**!!!
IF WE JUST HAD THAT DEVICE...
...THE DEVICE THAT FELLED A TITAN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO!!
CAPTAIN!!
THE TITAN'S COMING!!!


THAT BOY- THE ONE WHO SNUCK INTO THE WAGON...
DOES HE INTEND TO FACE THE TITAN?! INSANITY!!
BUT AT THE TIME, I HAD NO IDEA.
THAT KUKLO WOULD BRING BACK THE DEVICE THAT WAS THE ACE UP OUR SLEEVE AGAINST THE TITANS...
...AND RETURN HOPE TO HUMANITY!!

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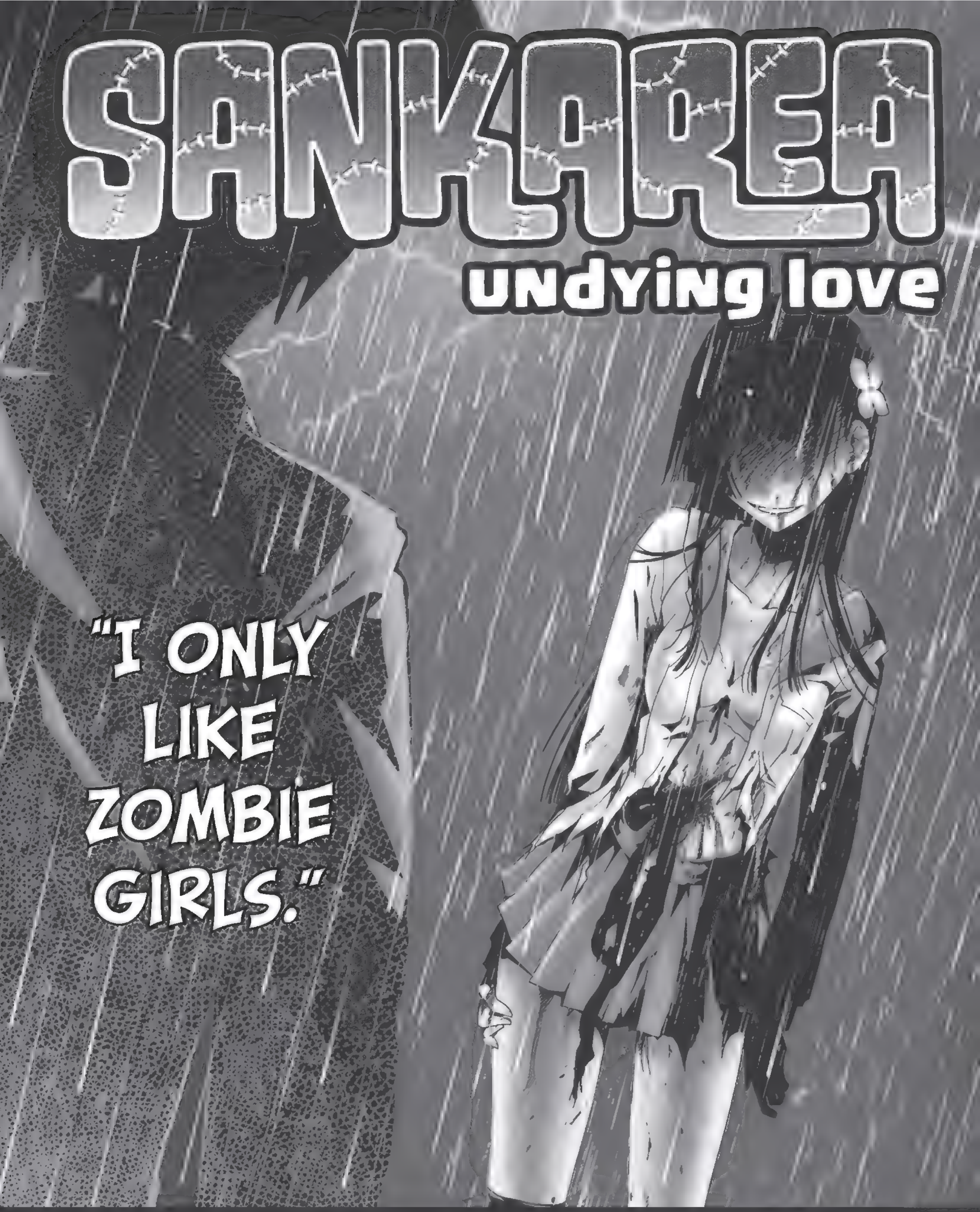
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undying love
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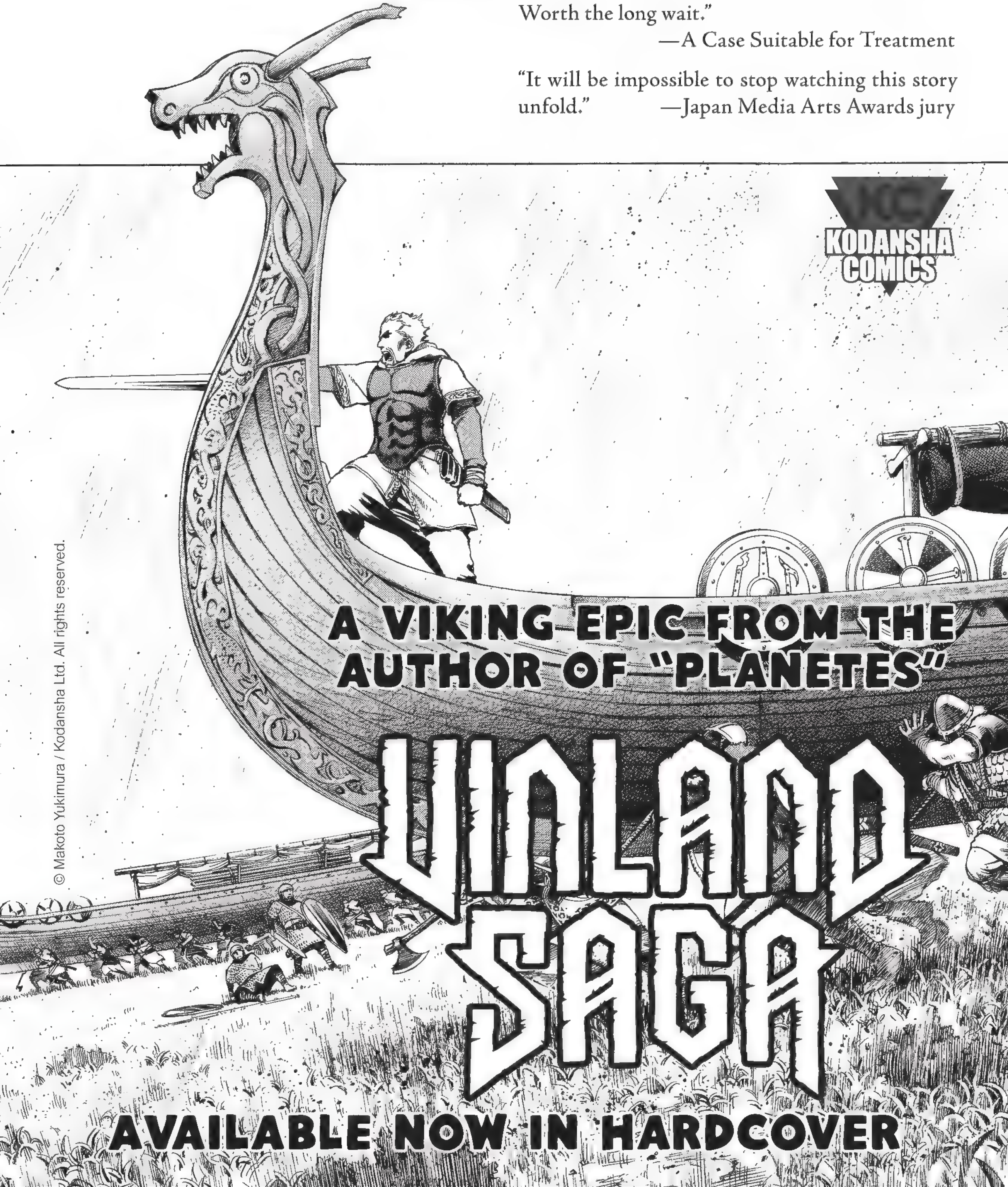
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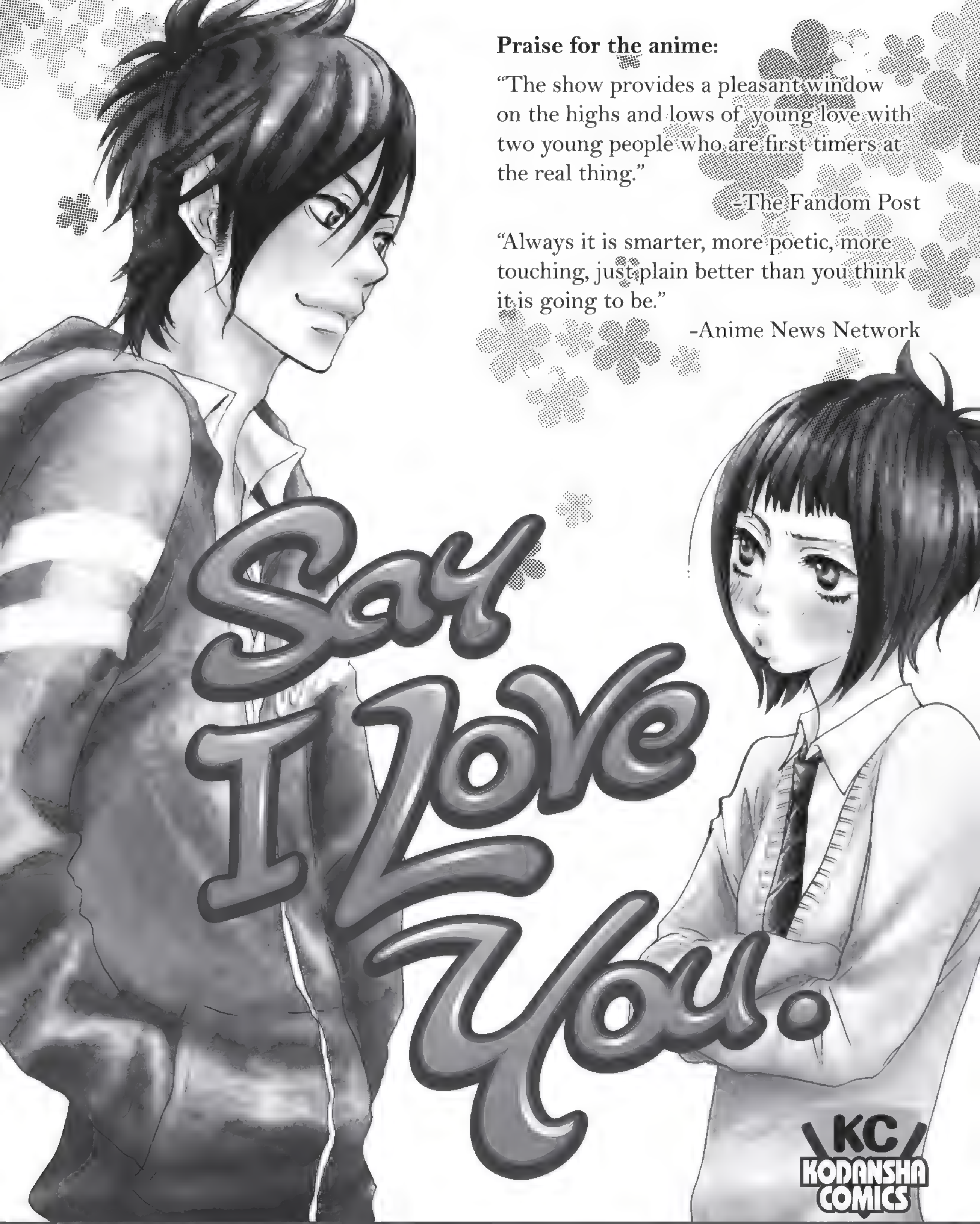
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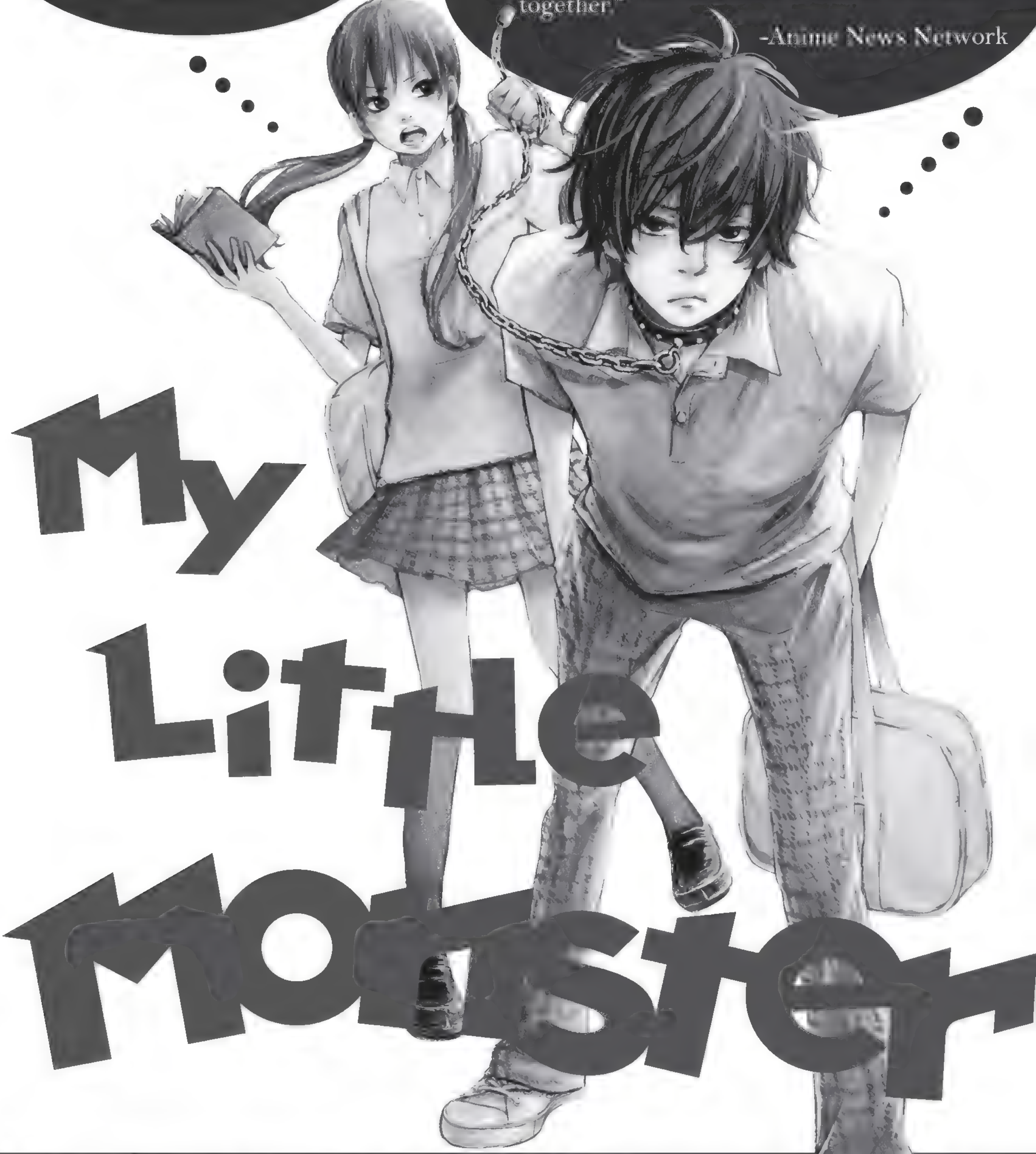

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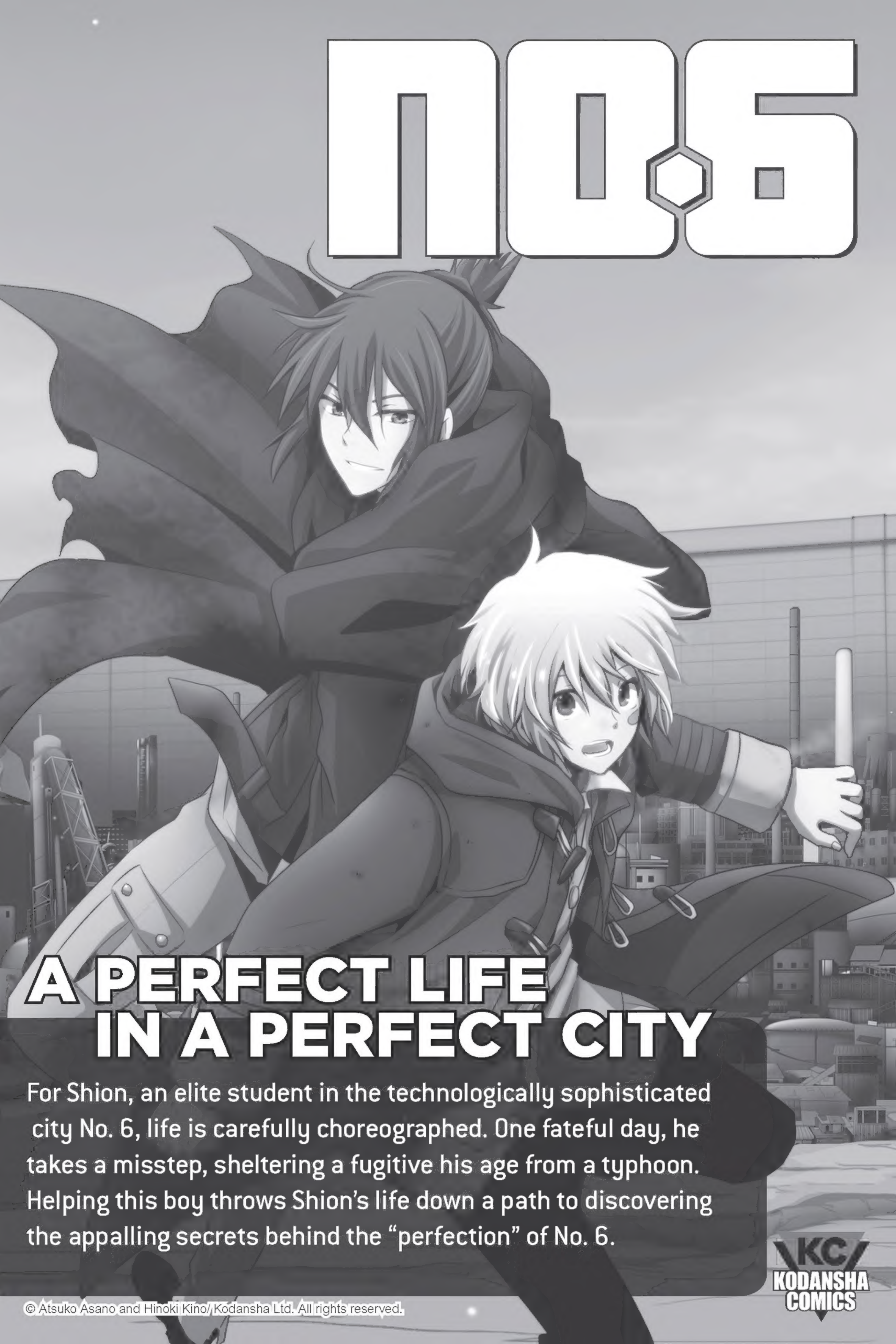
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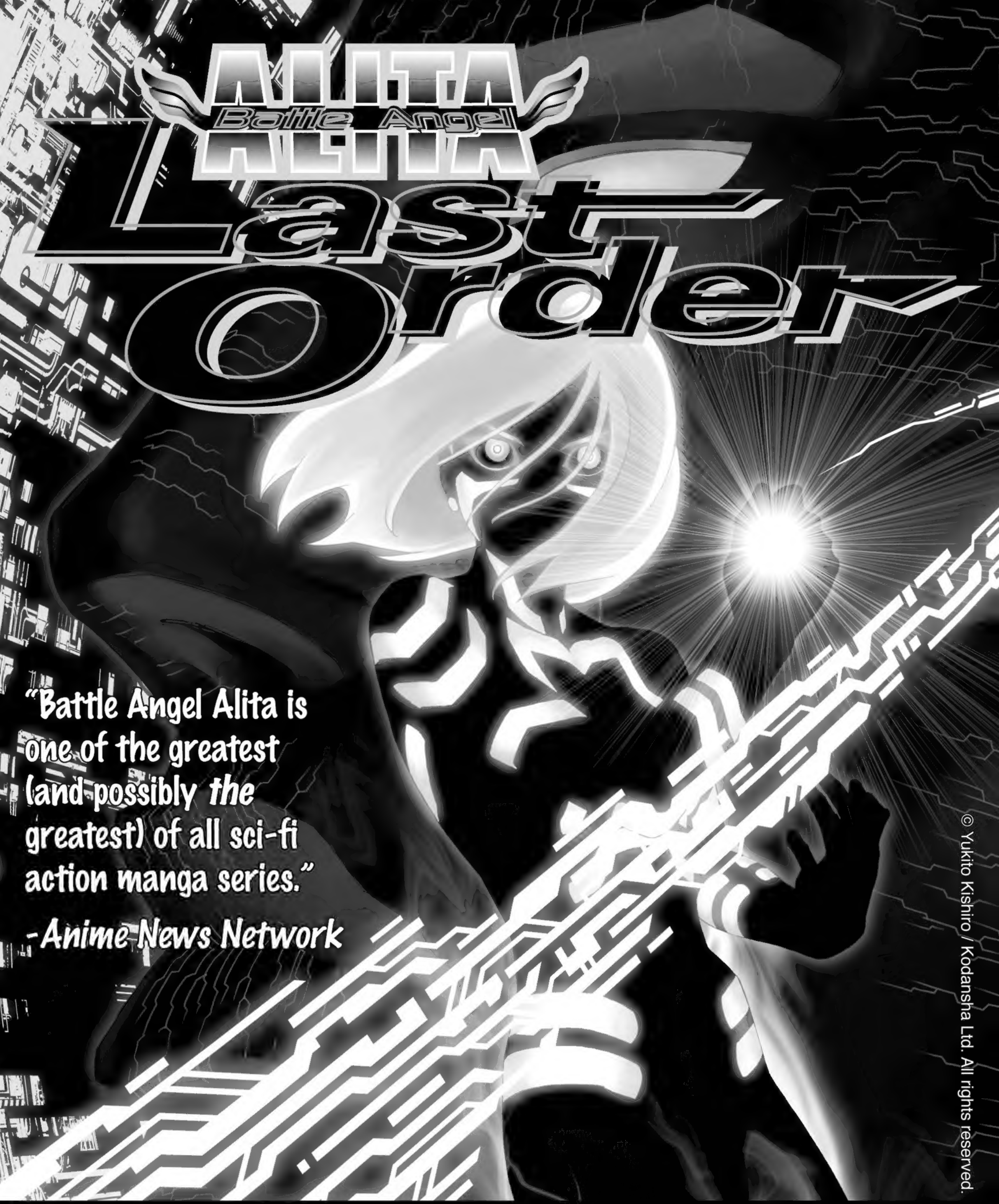
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